



**Laboratorio di Ricerca**  
Footprints. Young People:  
Expectations, Ideals, Beliefs



# Sociological Research on Youth Religiosity

Methodologies, Challenges, and New Research Perspectives

24 July 2025

**9.00 Aim of the meeting**

Norberto González Gaitano, Pontificia Università della Santa Croce (Rome)

**9.20 Surveys in sociological research on religious issues:  
advantages and limits**

Brad Vermurlen, University of St. Thomas (Houston, Texas)

**10.15 Expanding how we measure religion and spirituality  
cross-nationally – results from a 36-country study**

Jonathan Evans, Senior Researcher at Pew Research Center (Washington)

**11.15 Coffee Break**

**11.45 How to improve big data analysis to be more helpful for religious sociological  
research?**

John Olukuru, Strathmore University (Nairobi)

**12.45 Lunch**

**14.30 La esperienza della ricerca qualitativa sui giovani in Italia  
(The experience of Italian qualitative research with young people)**

Rita Bichi, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan)

**15.30 From religion to worldview? The study of what and how does what matter?**

Daniel Moulin, University of Cambridge (UK)

**16.30 Summary conclusions**

D. José María Díaz Dorronsoro, Pontificia Università della Santa Croce (Rome)

**17.00 Closing words**

Gema Bellido, Pontificia Università della Santa Croce (Rome)



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