



Past, present and future religious prospects in Vienna 1950-2050

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Background

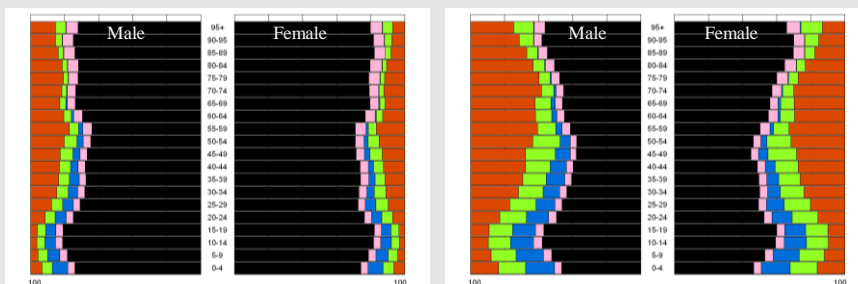
- The domination of the Roman Catholic Church in Austria has been slowly fading away.
- Progressing secularization
- Immigration of people belonging to other religions than Roman-Catholicism, with different fertility patterns
- Decline in the level of religiosity and beliefs.



Exacerbated situation in Vienna

Austria 2001

Vienna 2001



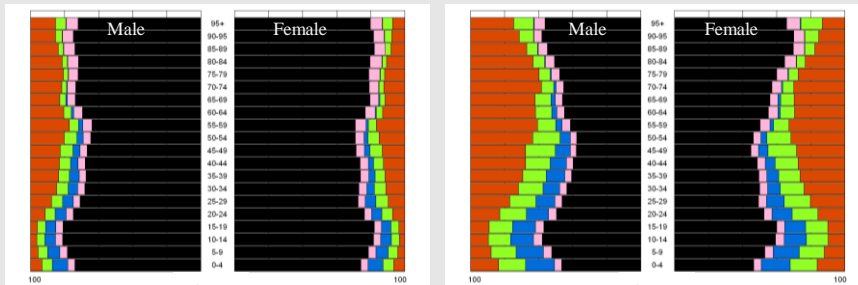
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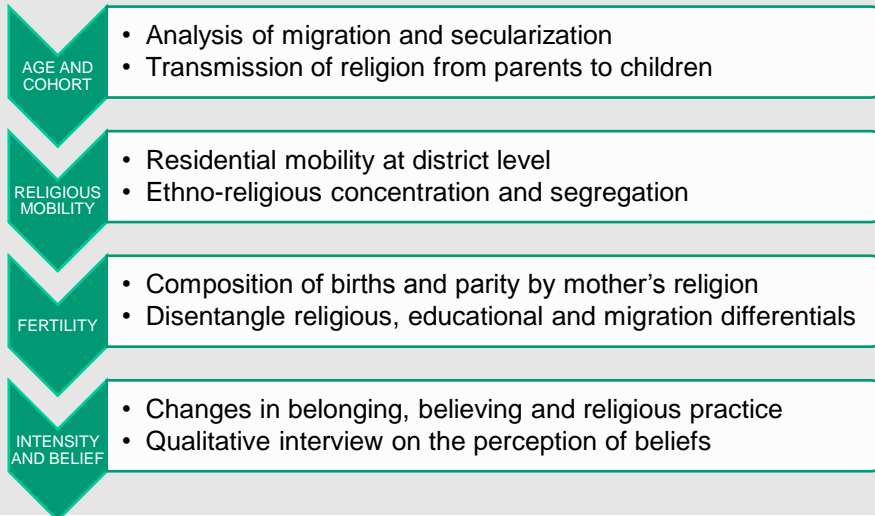
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WP1. Study the past as a trajectory

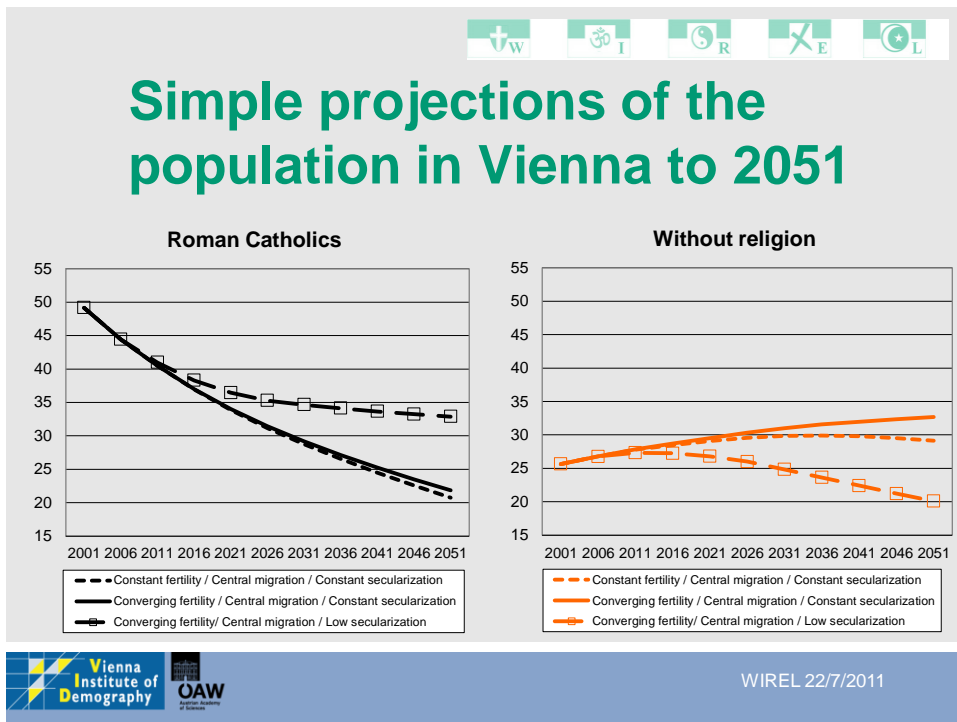
Main objective: Reconstruct the main demographic determinants – *internal and international migration, secularization, fertility, and mortality* – for all religious groups from 1950 to 2010

WP2. Deep analysis of the present



WP3. Project the future

The findings of parts 1. and 2. will be used to prepare scenarios for the future evolution of these forces →
 Religious landscape of Vienna until the middle of the century





1st year output and dissemination

- At least three scientific publications (WP 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3) on secularization processes, religious composition of migrants, and reconstruction of mortality.
- Participation in the European population conference in June 2012 (Stockholm)



Discussion needed

- Religious categories: what is interesting?
- Vienna boundaries: what is spatially interesting?
- Comparing Vienna with...?
- Religion and socio-economic status: the relevance of education?
- Data needs?