

## EUREGIO SCIENCE FUND PROJECT “RESILIENT BELIEFS”: THREE POSTDOC POSITIONS

Funded by the Euregio Science Fund, the research project “Resilient Beliefs: Religion and Beyond” (Fondazione Bruno Kessler Trento, University of Innsbruck, Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Brixen) will investigate whether and in what circumstances belief resilience (understood as articulate resistance to change and revision) is a sign of irrationality or narrow-mindedness, and in what circumstances it is a healthy component of our epistemic, moral and spiritual lives.

Bringing together expertise in epistemology, philosophy of religion, religious studies, and systematic theology, the project’s main focus is on belief resilience in the religious domain.

The Interregional Project Network, coordinated by Fondazione Bruno Kessler, is pleased to announce three postdoctoral research positions:

- [one postdoc position in Religious Studies](#) at the Center for Religious Studies, Fondazione Bruno Kessler Trento (full-time, 2 years, starting on 2 May 2022). The successful candidate will be involved in: (a) analysing recent debates on religious disagreement and religious diversity in analytic philosophy and religious studies; (b) reviewing and analysing recent literature on dogmatism and belief polarisation from social and cognitive psychology; (c) contextualising the debates on religious disagreement and belief polarisation within the long-standing dispute over the viability of ‘religion’ as a category of scientific and scholarly inquiry.
- [one Post-Doc position in Philosophy](#) at the Department of Christian Philosophy, University of Innsbruck (full-time, 2 years, starting on 2 May 2022). The successful candidate will be involved in: (a) the descriptive / phenomenological analysis of examples of intuitively “good” and “bad” forms of belief resilience. S/he will co-author a paper to be submitted to a leading journal specialising in the intersection between epistemology and psychology or religious studies; (b) shaping a more general theory of the characteristics of “good” and “bad” resilient beliefs; (c) testing the applicability of the epistemological theory, with a special emphasis on forms of partisan justification and possible cross connections with theology.
- [one Post-Doc position in Systematic Theology](#) at the Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Brixen (full-time, 2 years, starting on 2 May 2022). The successful candidate will be involved in: (a) the review and analysis of the current theological and philosophical debate concerning the nature of religious beliefs; (b) the organisation of the Brixen workshop Belief resilience from the point of view of systematic theology; (c) the development of a principled set of minimum standards for the legitimacy of introducing religious beliefs and religious arguments into public debates.

The application deadline is **Friday, 11 February 2022, 5 PM CET**.

For details on the three positions and how to apply, please consult the websites of the involved Institutions.