Opportunity for a fully funded **PhD position** (full-time, 4 years: initial first year, renewable to up to 4 years) at the intersection of **social/political** psychology, psychology of **religion**, and **cross-cultural** psychology

Research theme: **Nationalism and religion**

The project aims to estimate, and understand the psychological dynamics that explain, the links between religiosity (different forms of) and nationalism (different forms of), and this across cultures and different religious traditions. The research will include surveys, experiments, and international data collection and analyses. It implies familiarity with theory, empirical knowledge, and methodology in social/political psychology, personality/individual differences, psychology of religion, and cross-cultural psychology. By its subject, the research will also integrate existing and ongoing knowledge from other social sciences.

The doctoral research will be conducted at the **UCLouvain** (Belgium) Institute for Psychological Sciences, **Centre** for Psychology of Religion, under the supervision of prof. **Vassilis Saroglou**. Work implies physical presence 4 days/week at the Institute in Louvain-la-Neuve. The fellowship (similar to a full-time salary, following the University's guidelines) includes social security. It is funded through a 4-year grant from the Belgian FNRS (National Fund for Scientific Research, program Welchange) to prof. Vassilis Saroglou.

Starting: immediately, by the end of December 2026.

Deadline for application: December 10, 2026

Profile

- **Master**'s degree in **psychology** or in a related field implying at least three-four years of study in psychology. Grade: no lower than "Distinction" (70% or 14/20), as in the Belgian system; no more than five years since the master's
- Evidence of strong interest in the fields of psychology of **religion**, **social/political** psychology, and **cross-cultural** psychology
- Good knowledge of **quantitative** research methods (preferably in social/personality psychology) and statistical analysis (SPSS or R); knowledge of multilevel analysis or willingness to learn
- Very good level of **English** (reading, speaking, writing)
- Experience in **publications** in peer-reviewed journals (even if not first author) and/or **presentations** in international conference (first author) is a welcome plus
- Personal **qualities**: intellectual curiosity, dynamism in work and efficiency regarding the outcomes (results, publications, conference presentations), autonomy and positive insertion into the research lab's life

For more information and **Application:** vassilis.saroglou@uclouvain.be

Application should include

- CV (with information on grades by year and final grades)
- Abstract (one page maximum) of the Master's thesis
- Motivation Letter (1-2 pages)
- Names of and contact information for two referees