

## Brief information about the project

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>AP19679699 «Religiosity/spirituality, well-being and identity of Kazakhstani youth: a comparative country study» (0123PK00533)</b>
<b>Relevance</b>	The proposed research project aims to apply the sociological tools of modern research to measure the religiosity, well-being, and identity of kazakhstani youth in a religiously diverse society. At all stages of the project, the goal of studying youth as a social construct is correlated with the construction of scales, to measure (1) the influence of young people's religious orientation on religious beliefs and interactions with everyday life; to identify (2) identity statuses and commitment scores; to determine (3) key predictors of well-being, such as stress and coping, life satisfaction, and faith satisfaction.
<b>Purpose</b>	The goal of the project is to conduct a comparative analysis in the study of the youth of Kazakhstan in the context of a new discourse of social construction of their religiosity/spirituality, well-being and identity in a religiously diverse society and their measurement using various scales (including “centrality”, “religious overcoming”, “perceived stress”) and questionnaires of “ego-identity” processes and coping strategies.
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A comparative analysis of social construction concepts as an important methodological tool used in the study of religiosity/spirituality, well-being, and identity, taking advantage of the sub(disciplines) of the social sciences.</li> <li>2. Identification of indicators of the sociological measurement of religiosity, well-being and identity of the youth of Kazakhstan.</li> <li>3. Identification of dichotomous variables, in assessing components of religiosity, well-being, and identity such as gender/gender, domestic/public, degree of acceptance/unacceptance of beliefs, subjective religiosity, commitment statuses, coping, life and faith satisfaction.</li> <li>4. Identification of measurement scales and subscales as well as measurement and self-assessment measures to examine youth religiosity/spirituality, well-being, and identity and conduct a series of confirmatory factor analyses to establish measurement invariance.</li> <li>5. Analysis of the religious situation in the youth environment using the advantages of sociological methodology.</li> <li>6. Preparation of methodological tools for sociological research on religiousness/spirituality of Kazakhstani youth on the basis of benchmarking international research projects and the world's best practices. The implementation of this task involves a pilot study to adapt and specify the methodology.</li> <li>7. Assessing leading foreign practices and identifying opportunities to use various questionnaires in assessing the invariance of the measurement of the construct of religiosity/spirituality, well-being, and identity and revealing their main correlates.</li> <li>8. Preparing and conducting a pilot study to test the quality of the prepared primary sociological information collection instruments aimed at determining the religiosity/spirituality, well-being, and identity of Kazakhstani youth.</li> <li>9. To conduct a country-wide sociological study to determine the level and nature of religiosity/spirituality of contemporary</li> </ol>

	<p>Kazakhstani youth, identifying key trends related to changes in the parameters of well-being and identity in correlation with the main demographic and socio-economic indicators.</p> <p>10. Defining a matrix of normative expectations for young people to measure religiosity in the context of meanings and symbols (headscarf/hijab for women and beard for men, and recognition of gender expectations for mosque/church attendance, reading Quranic/Biblical writings, and prayer).</p> <p>11. Defining a matrix of normative expectations for young people to measure well-being in the context of meanings and symbols (perceived stress, stress, coping with stress, overall life satisfaction, and satisfaction with faith).</p> <p>12. Defining a matrix of normative expectations for young people to measure well-being in the context of identity meanings and symbols (level of commitment to values, family and community, personal and social identity).</p>
<p><b>Expected and achieved results</b></p>	<p>Practical results based on theoretical and empirical data of the project will include publications of scientific articles, monographs, analytical materials, original methods for measuring religiosity/spirituality, well-being, and identity in a religiously diverse society, adapted for Kazakh society, recommendations and suggestions for the academic community, the expert community and government agencies. It is planned to register the developed sociological tools as an object of copyright with the possibility of its further use in various fields of activity and interdisciplinary social research. As a result of the project, 1 (one) article or review will be prepared in a peer-reviewed scientific publication, indexed in the Social Science Citation Index, Arts and Humanities Citation Index and (or) the Web of Science database and (or) having a percentile according to CiteScore in the Scopus database less than 35 (thirty-five), as well as at least 2 (two) articles and (or) reviews in peer-reviewed foreign and (or) domestic publications recommended by Committee for Quality Assurance in Science and Higher Education for publication of the main results of scientific research.</p>
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<p><b>List of publications with links to them</b></p>	<p>1. <i>Абдирайымова Г.С., Саймасаева А.</i> Социальное и экономическое неравенство в Казахстане: контекстуальный фактор религиозной идентичности // Вестник КазНУ, Серия Религиоведение. – 2023. - Том 35 (№ 3). – С. 3-15 - <a href="https://doi.org/10.26577/EJRS.2023.v35.i3.r1">https://doi.org/10.26577/EJRS.2023.v35.i3.r1</a></p> <p>2. <i>Саймасаева А.</i> Особенности конструирования религиозного капитала женщин, практикующих ношение хиджаба // Сборник материалов Международной научно-практической конференции: Социальная модернизация в Казахстане: возможности и перспективы. – Алматы: ИФПР КН МНВО РК, 2023. – С. 213-222</p> <p>3. <i>Лифанов С.А., Лифанова Т.Ю.</i> Religion-like phenomena как модель модернизации религиозного сознания современного общества // Сборник материалов Международной научно-практической конференции: Социальная модернизация в Казахстане: возможности и перспективы. – Алматы: ИФПР КН МНВО РК, 2023. – С. 148-158</p> <p>4. <i>Кенжакимова Г.А.</i> Діндарлықтың социологиялық көрсеткіштері // Сборник материалов Международной научно-практической конференции: Социальная модернизация в Казахстане: возможности и перспективы. – Алматы: ИФПР КН МНВО РК, 2023. – С. 194-201</p>
<p><b>Patents</b></p>	<p><i>Веревкин А.В.</i> «Проектирование социального благополучия населения. Методический комплекс». Вид объекта авторского права: составное произведение. Свидетельство № 39968 от 30 октября 2023 года - <a href="https://copyright.kazpatent.kz/?!.iD=LaGr">https://copyright.kazpatent.kz/?!.iD=LaGr</a></p> <p><i>Лифанов С.А.</i> «Виртуальная религиозность: социологическое измерение в религиозно разнообразном обществе». Вид объекта авторского права: произведение науки: Свидетельство № 33515 от 14 марта 2023 года - <a href="https://copyright.kazpatent.kz/?!.iD=EKhk">https://copyright.kazpatent.kz/?!.iD=EKhk</a></p>