

## Fact Sheet:

*Uncovering Everyday Negotiations: Exploring Best and Worst Practices*

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Innovation Funding Project, 2011-2012

## Project Description and Goals:

A multi-part research project, 2011-2012 focused on the following “Stories of negotiation and compromise.” Here we targeted a number of groups for participation in one on one interviews and focus groups which explored stories of negotiation and compromise in the Canadian context. The goal of this project was to map everyday compromise and requests, responses, and experiences to examine how they are framed and understood by our research participants. We conducted one on one interviews and focus groups in Newfoundland, which became the springboard for a comparative study in Montréal led by Amélie Barras. Questions considered conflict, tension, negotiation and compromise around “time”, i.e. differential perceptions of appropriate times for prayer, rest, work, festival, holiday; “dress”, i.e. choices and strategies for wearing the hijab, the kirpan; food, i.e. dietary restrictions, need, requests and so on.

## Methodology:

- One on one interviews and focus groups

## Student Involvement:

- Caitlin Downie, University of Ottawa

## Results:

- **Lori Beaman** prepared, with Jennifer Selby (Memorial University NFLD) a SSHRC Insight Grant application to further the research in NFLD. They were successfully awarded the IG for their project entitled “Religion in the Everyday: Negotiating Islam in St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador”, securing two years of funding to continue interviews and research on the Newfoundland component examining everyday negotiations.

## Dissemination:

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- **Beaman, Lori G.**, **Amélie Barras** and Jennifer Selby. 2016. “In/Visible Religion in Public Institutions: Canadian Muslim Public Servants,” in *Religion and the Exercise of Public Authority in Canada*, edited by **B. L. Berger** and **R. Moon**, London: Hart Publishing, 95-110.