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Research directions in the social sciences on religion and diversity

The first session of the first graduate student workshop series was held at the University of Ottawa November 2-3, 2011, facilitated by James Beckford (University of Warwick). The workshop was a terrific success, creating an engaged cohort of graduate students within the project, who will continue to meet over the next year to exchange ideas, network and develop research relationships.

Graduate students were asked to submit descriptions of their research projects in advance of the meeting and to present for 15 minutes on their graduate research. Time was also allocated to providing constructive feedback and to pose questions, so that each student was able to have the group actively engage with their work and correspondingly, to engage with others' work in the event as well. Each of them also submitted for discussion a published article or chapter which had exerted a particular influence on their thinking about research. The workshop ended with a compilation of the "new ideas" that each students had acquired during the presentations and discussions.

In addition to participating in the 8 sessions of the workshop students also had dinner and lunch together, took full advantage of the breaks to get to know each other better, enjoyed the opportunity to meet some other members of the project team who were in Ottawa, and agreed to keep in touch by means of a new Google Group created by Cathy Holtmann.

A questionnaire was circulated in the workshop information package, which asked each student to provide feedback on logistical organization (i.e. communication in preparation to the event) as well as event organization (i.e. agenda, session structure).

Students were asked to provide suggestions for the next workshop, which are synthesized here: The only common theme students have indicated is that they would like a little more time in the agenda for feedback on their projects/presentations.

The next session of the workshop series is being held at the Université de Montréal, facilitated by Kim Knott (Leeds University) from May 15-16, 2012. The final details of the third session of the workshop series are still to be determined.