Abstract: In this article we describe the research group on religion of the Post-Graduate Social Sciences Program at UERJ, its setting up, profile of the members, recent production and the dissertations and theses supervised by its members. In order to contextualize this group, first we did a short retrospective historical overview of the study of religion in Rio de Janeiro discussing the role that non-governmental organisations had in encouraging research on religion, highlighting the Institute of the Study of Religion (ISER), and the role of post-graduate programmes.

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