

THESES AND DISSERTATIONS COMPLETED AT THE CENTER FOR RELIGION STUDIES FROM UFRGS: CURRENT SITUATION AND PRELIMINARY QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

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Abstract: This paper examines the setting up of the Center for Religion Studies (NER) at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), in Brazil. NER is a research group composed by scholars and students of religion sociology and anthropology. It is part of a wider historical context in which religion is viewed as a social fact to be studied *in loco* and mostly analyzed from the perspective of social anthropology. The establishment and consolidation of NER has enabled its associated researchers to supervise a number of these and dissertations and hence contributed to a recent increase in the number of studies on religion.

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