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Digital Humanities for Impact and Engagement:
The Religious Studies Project

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- International collaborative enterprise producing weekly podcasts with leading scholars on the social-scientific study of religion.
- Since January 2012
- 190+ audio interviews
- 160,000 views in 2015
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- Weekly essays, roundtable discussions, book reviews, resources, and conference reports, plus our weekly digest of opportunities (jobs, journals, conferences, etc).
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MAY 6TH, 2015 | DISCUSS

WORKSHOP: 'WHAT IS RELIGIOUS BELIEF?' REPORT

PhD candidate Hans Van Eyghen reporting for The Religious Studies Project:

The question "What is religious belief?" has a long history and with no definitive answer to date. The aim of this one day workshop was to shed new light on the question by combining three perspectives on the matter: cognitive

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RELIGION WITHOUT CULTURE IS NO RELIGION AT ALL

If content can explain the tendency to hold supernatural beliefs, but cultural learning is required to create religions, then we can make specific predictions about how these things should vary around the world.

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IN FEATURES BY AIYANA WILLARD

MAY 4TH, 2015 | DISCUSS

"PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH": CREDITS AND CRUDS

Religious actions speak louder than words. Dr. Jonathan Lanman on credibility enhancing displays (CREDs), and the role that such public displays of commitment play in the acquisition of both belief and nonbelief.

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IN PODCASTS BY JONATHAN LANMAN THOMAS J. COLEMAN III

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KEEPING THE BAR STEADY: THE COMPLEXITIES OF INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO RELIGION

PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION AT ITS BEST...AND LESS BEST

In this hard-hitting report, Alex

APRIL 27TH, 2015 | DISCUSS

SUFISM

In this interview, Milad Milani discusses the basic orientation and history of Sufi thought. He also speaks about the diverse national variations of Sufism, particularly with respect to Iranian (or "Persianate") Sufism. The interview concludes with a few critical remarks on the questionable appropriation of Sufism in contemporary Western discourses on religion.

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APRIL 30TH, 2015 | DISCUSS

SUFISM IS A PARADOX?

While the tendency to think of Sufism as a kind of individualized or more private form of Islam is quite prevalent, the representation of Sufism as a form of 'peaceful Islam' or as a 'solution to the problem' of radical Islam is equally pervasive.

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IN FEATURES BY JOHN THIBEAUD

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Before you feel Death's icy grip on your shoulder, be sure to check out this week's #RSPpod on Death, Religion, and Terror Management with Jonathan Jong. <http://ow.ly/10wrhc>

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Richard Newton @seedpods · 8h

Lots of wisdom here from @McCutcheonSays: "After all, students who don't make mistakes also don't need teachers."



Culture on the Edge @idendefying

Playing the ball where it lies. edge.ua.edu/russell-mccutc

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- A chance to hear academics talking naturally
- A chance to broaden your knowledge beyond your niche
- Revision tool
 - Can be used while exercising, looking after kids, travelling, etc.
 - Some learn best through listening to a discussion
 - Offer an introduction to topics “somewhere between wikipedia and a full-length book”
 - Cover a lot of material in a half hour!

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- The podcasts can help you keep on top of current research and perspectives on older scholars and themes.
- We all have to focus our reading on our research topics – the podcast can help you fill in some of the inevitable blanks in your knowledge without too much reading.

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- The RSP offers an excellent publication opportunity – we actively seek submissions, and some of our responses do better than the scholars they respond to!
- Employability – you've a foot in the door if they already know you and think you're making a contribution towards education already

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- Academics are increasingly under pressure to make sure they relate their research to the public interest – we can help with that by making it free, understandable and copyright free.
- In less than an hour, an academic can create a podcast that thousands of people – rather than a small class or seminar group – will hear, and can be listened to again, forever. A very efficient use of time!

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- perhaps the most important.
 - Many of the humanities intersect with religion – we can give them the tools to explore that avenue.
 - No-one knows what religious studies does – we can change that.
 - Scholars can put forward research in a way that anyone can understand – which should be a central concern for a public-funded intellectual.
 - We believe that these topics are intrinsically interesting.

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Networking and Promotion

“Network” - noun

1. an arrangement of intersecting horizontal and vertical lines.
 - "a spider constructs a complex network of several different kinds of threads"
 - synonyms: web, criss-cross, grid, lattice, net, matrix, mesh, webbing, tracery, trellis;
2. a group or system of interconnected people or things.
 - "the company has a network of 326 branches"
 - synonyms: system, complex, interconnected system/structure, complex system/arrangement, nexus, web;

“Network” - verb

1. connect as or operate with a network.
 - "compared with the railways the canals were less effectively networked"
2. interact with others to exchange information and develop professional or social contacts.
 - "the skills of networking, bargaining, and negotiation"

Why Build a Professional Network?



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Why Build a Professional Network?

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/researchstaff/researcher-community/networks/why-network.aspx>

- You may find new directions for your research
- Knowing people outside of your school/department may help you to build up your profile and to progress in your career
- You may hear about new employment and/or funding opportunities
- It could lead to a cross- or interdisciplinary collaboration

From the Business World...

<http://www.strategicbusinessnetwork.com/about/importance>

- Learn dynamics within your industry
- Establish your business contacts
- Get “plugged in” to your community
- Seek new career opportunities
- Facilitate win-win relationships
- Create your referral networks
- Accelerate your professional development
- Develop knowledge resources

How to build a network?



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How to build a network?

- Publishing
- Maintaining a personal website with an up-to-date CV
- Blogging
- Email Lists
- More "traditional" forms of networking: Scholarly societies, Conferences, Workshops, Emailing, Coffee, Lunch
- Personal Characteristics
 - David: Brilliant, Reliable, and Personable - be 2 of 3.
 - Small Talk
 - Helpful attitude
- Social Media

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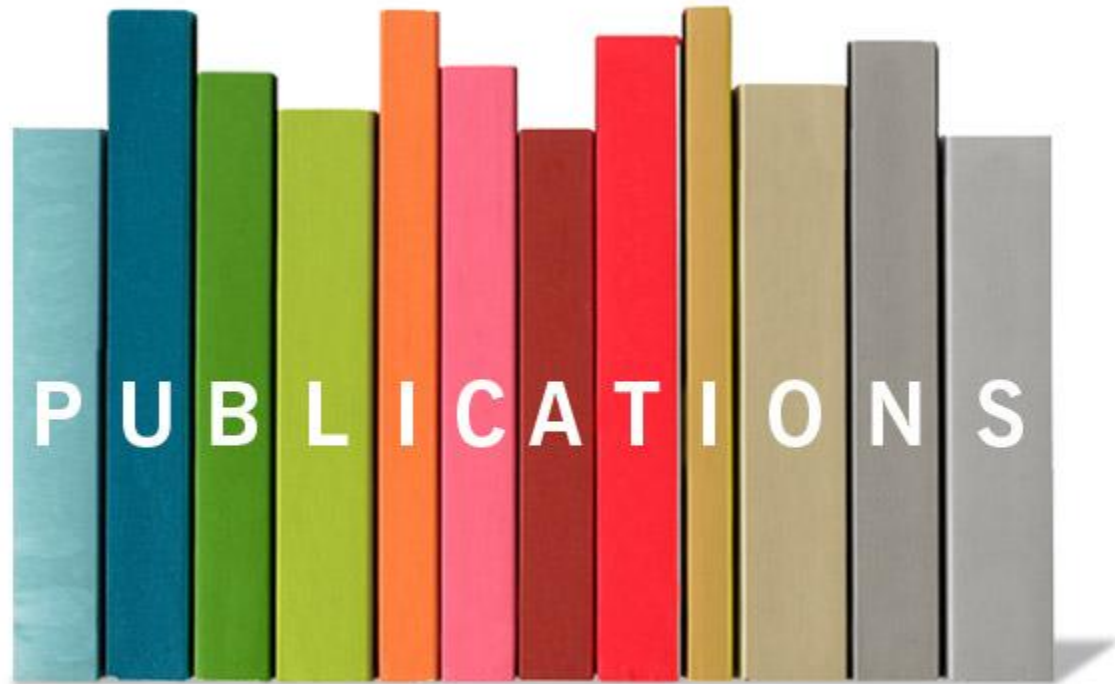


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Social Media

- Why have a social media presence?
- Separate Accounts?
- Curating your social media presence.
 - Be professional AND have fun.
 - Don't say anything you wouldn't be happy defending in court
 - Anything can be deleted.

Facebook vs. Twitter

- “Facebook is where you stalk people that you used to know / Twitter is where you stalk people that you want to know”
- Twitter - impersonal, Facebook - personal?
- Frequency of posts?
- User engagement.

- The University of Edinburgh “Social Media Guidelines”
 - http://www.ed.ac.uk/polopoly_fs/1.78322!/fileManager/111201%20UoE-Social-Media-Guidelines.pdf
- Key points:
 - Be aware of how your comments may reflect upon yourself/your organization
 - Publish regularly and relevantly.
 - Be respectful to all parties.


Social Media

Other useful resources:

- Newbies guide to Facebook:
<http://news.cnet.com/newbies-guide-to-facebook>
- Facebook Marketing Hub:
<http://www.hubspot.com/facebook-for-business-marketing-hub>
- The Complete Guide to Twitter: <http://makeuseof.org/twitter>
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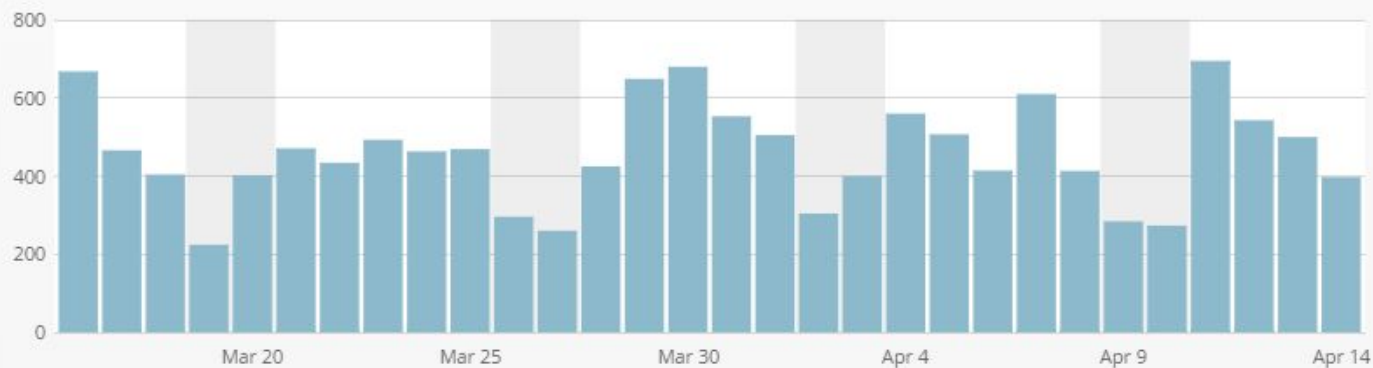
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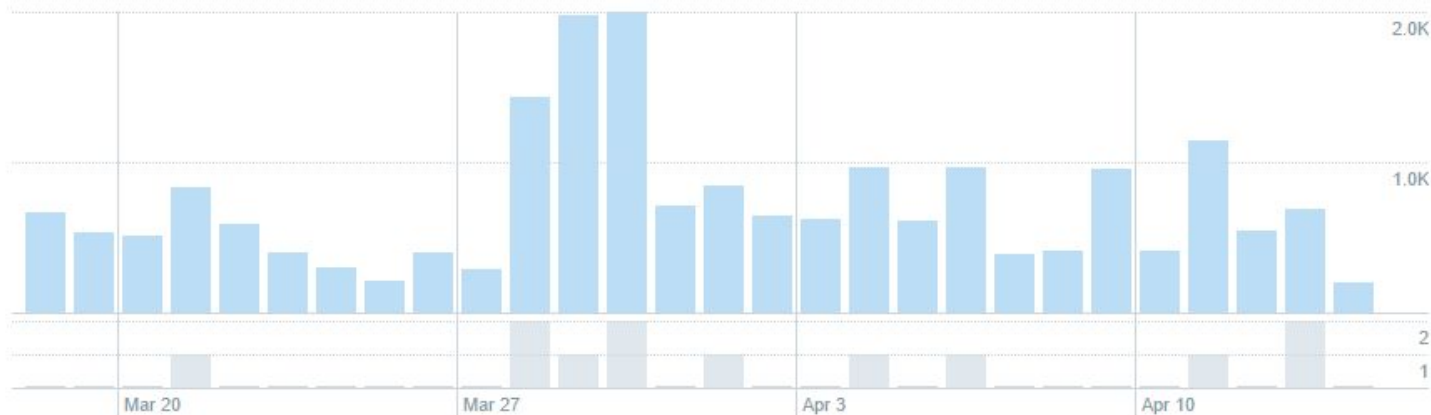
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
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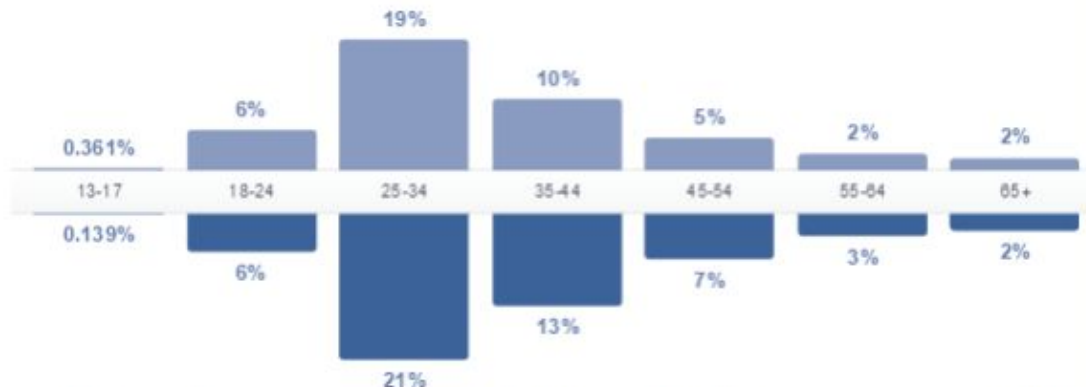
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Any questions thus far?

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Response to Rudy Busto - Race and Religion

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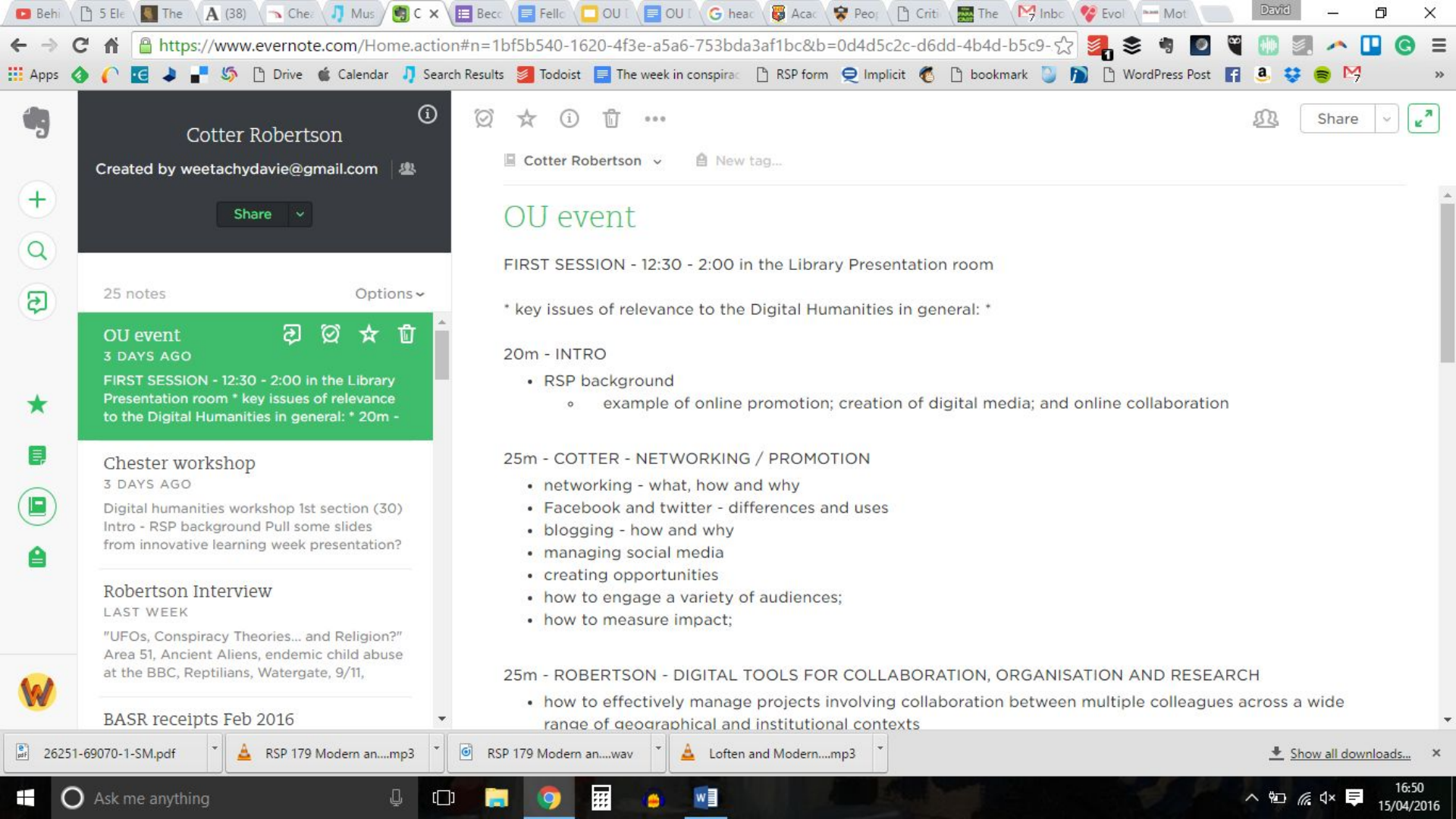
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3 DAYS AGO

Digital humanities workshop 1st section (30) Intro - RSP background Pull some slides from innovative learning week presentation?

Robertson Interview

LAST WEEK

"UFOs, Conspiracy Theories... and Religion?" Area 51, Ancient Aliens, endemic child abuse at the BBC, Reptilians, Watergate, 9/11,

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20m - INTRO

- RSP background
 - example of online promotion; creation of digital media; and online collaboration

25m - COTTER - NETWORKING / PROMOTION

- networking - what, how and why
- Facebook and twitter - differences and uses
- blogging - how and why
- managing social media
- creating opportunities
- how to engage a variety of audiences;
- how to measure impact;

25m - ROBERTSON - DIGITAL TOOLS FOR COLLABORATION, ORGANISATION AND RESEARCH

- how to effectively manage projects involving collaboration between multiple colleagues across a wide range of geographical and institutional contexts

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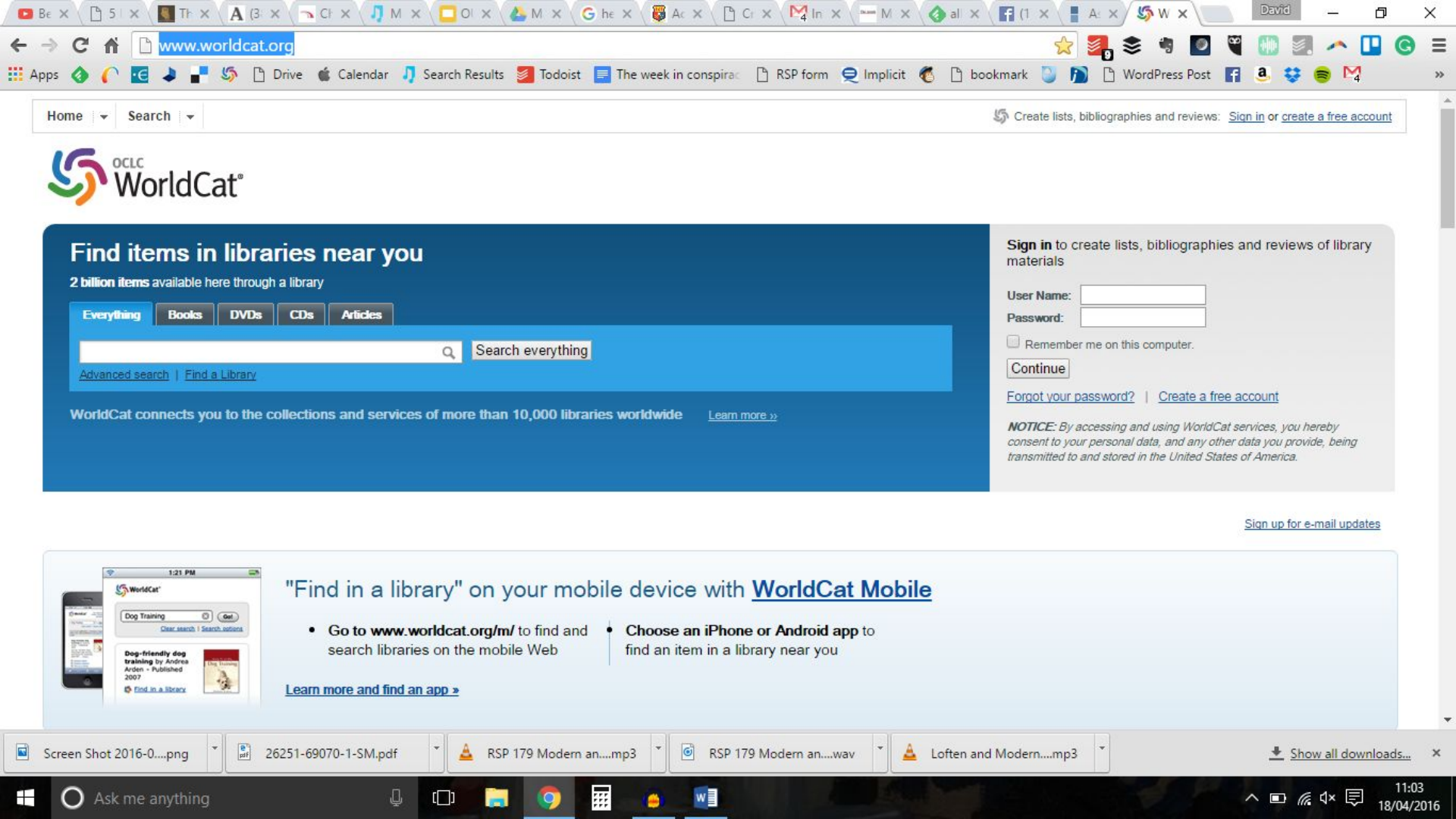
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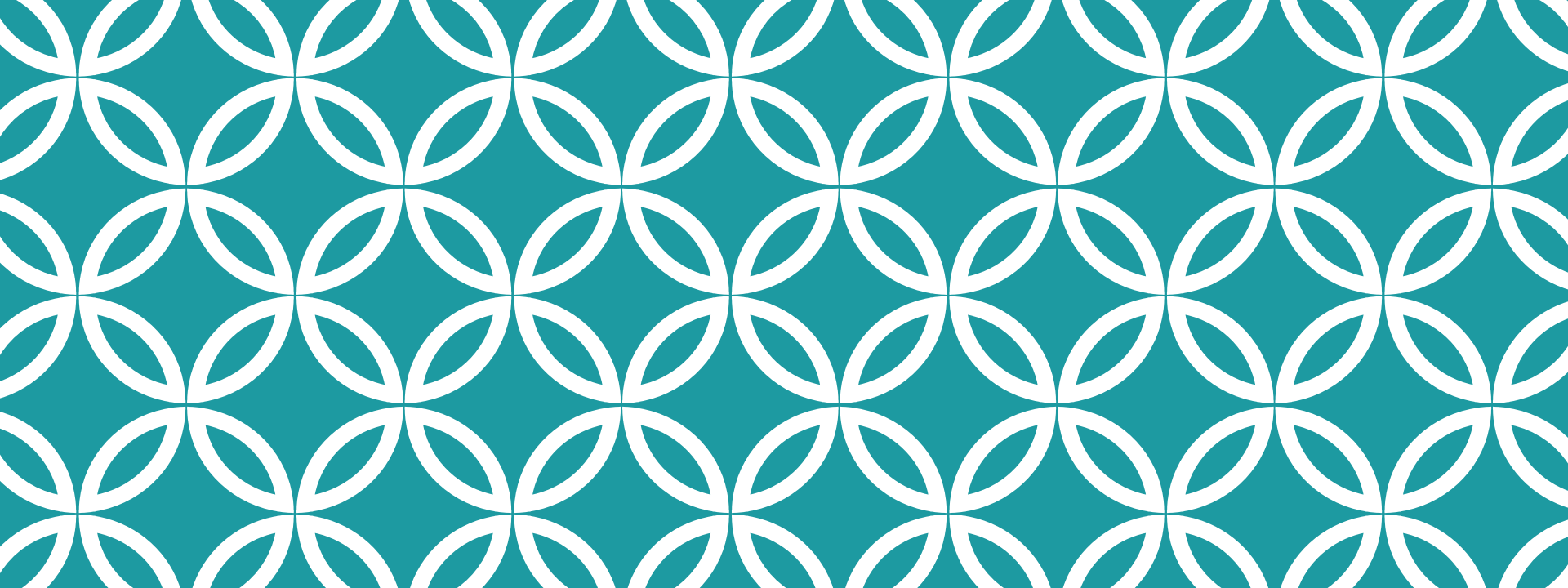
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ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND THE FUTURE OF ACADEMIC PUBLISHING



THE ECONOMIC REALITY

At the moment, podcasts do not typically count towards an academic's research score – although this is beginning to change

Research Excellence Framework (REF) – published every five years, next in 2020

Senior colleagues have a need to contribute to the REF which makes being involved in the production of podcasts or other innovative work unlikely until it counts

Yet institutions slow to respond to changing environment – a project like the RSP would have been costed at thousands of pounds by the University of Edinburgh, and taken years to set up

REF 2020

Assessed on outputs (originality, significance and rigour), impact (reach and significance, including public and interdisciplinary) and environment (vitality and sustainability)

REF 2020 may only include open-access publications

Public outreach currently weighted at 20%, but likely to increase

REF2014
Research Excellence Framework

The research of **154**
UK universities was assessed



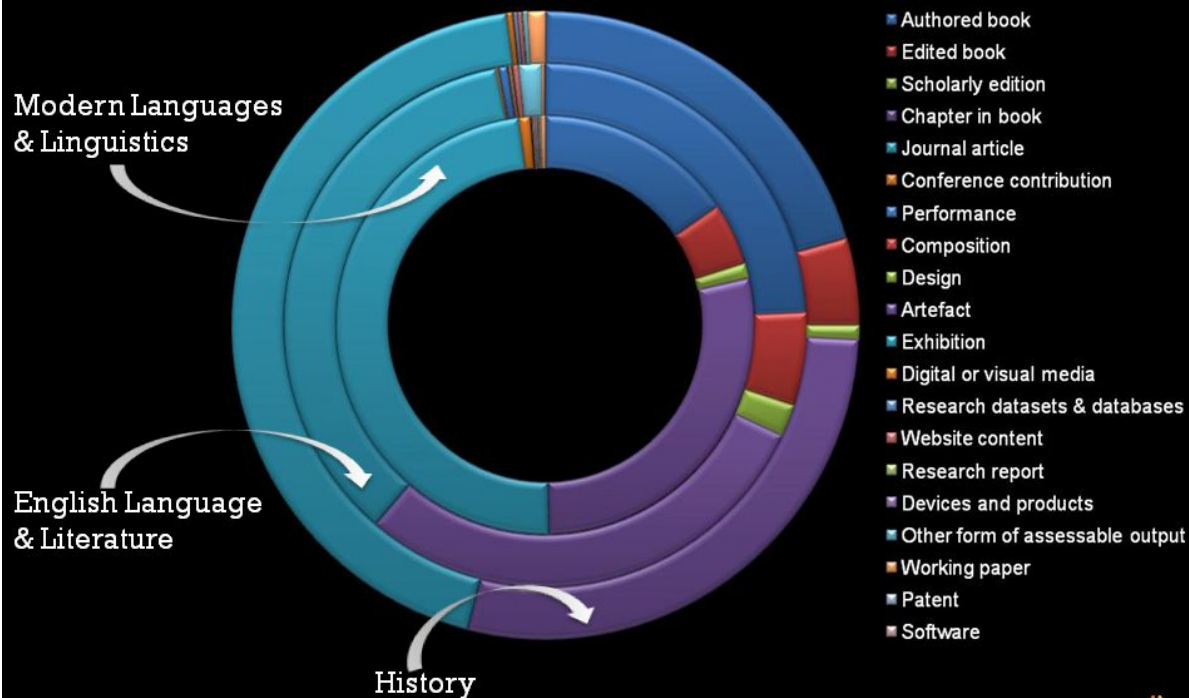
They made **1,911** submissions including:

- **52,061** academic staff
- **191,150** research outputs
- **6,975** impact case studies

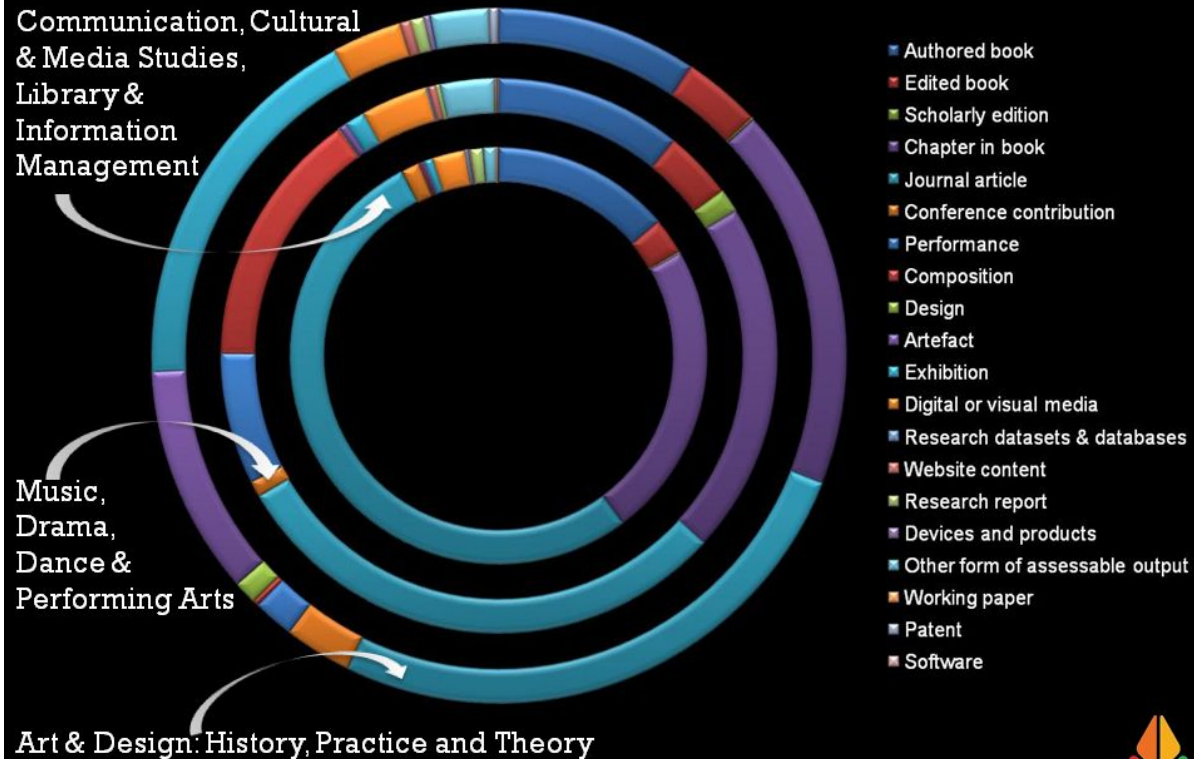
The **overall quality** of submissions was judged, on average to be:

- ★★★★★ **30%** world-leading (4*)
- ★★★★ **46%** internationally excellent (3*)
- ★★★ **20%** recognised internationally (2*)
- ★ **3%** recognised nationally (1*)

REF 2014: Comparing Modern Languages, English & History



REF 2014: Comparing Subjects with Varied Output Types



TECHNOLOGY

Learning technologies developing rapidly – and Universities and publishers struggling to keep pace

Most assessments and coursework is now online in the first instance

Tablets etc. make ebooks and e-journals a much more practical solution – saving Universities and students money

It is now quick and easy to make powerpoints and recordings of lectures etc. available online

Students increasingly demanding more variety of material – visual, audio, interactive, etc

MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) are an increasingly ubiquitous offering by major universities

ACADEMIC PUBLISHING

It is widely acknowledged that the present academic publishing model is broken:

- Journal subscriptions and academic books have become too expensive for even university libraries
- Yet few academics are paid for their work
- Nevertheless, publishers such as Brill or de Gruyter are seen as more prestigious than smaller publishers, and therefore continue to be able to attract writing.
- Publishers which offer Open Access publications require their costs to be covered, often up to thousands of pounds – making Open Access prohibitive to emerging scholars

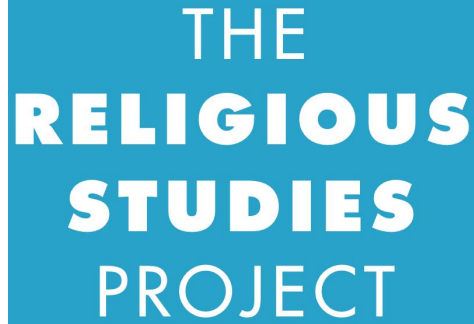
THE ACADEMIC JOB MARKET

Academia is changing:

- Universities are increasingly run along a neo-liberal business model of supply-and-demand
- There are fewer tenure-track jobs in the humanities and social sciences...
- ...and teaching is increasingly passed down to Teaching Assistants (US: adjuncts) - like me
- We have more time and energy to contribute to new and emerging paradigms like podcasting – and less to lose...
- As universities use more information technology, these skills and systems may become employable – for instance, designing MOOCs

THE FUTURE BELONGS TO US

- How could we use new media to improve University teaching?
- How could we create a truly Open Access academic publishing model?
- What will the academic book of the future look like?
- How can we use cloud technology to improve collaboration and create international networks?
- How can we use social media, blogs, podcasts etc. to demonstrate the importance and utility of Religious Studies outside academia?
- What unique skill-set do you have? What can you do that no-one else has thought of yet?



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