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Short background

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1-2. Short CV and biography

Robert Jackson is a leading figure in international debates about religions and education in Europe and beyond. He was a member of the drafting team of the Council of Europe Ministerial policy recommendation on teaching about religions and beliefs (2008) and of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe's Toledo Guiding Principles on Teaching about Religions and Beliefs (2007). He contributes to the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations programme on Education about Religions and Beliefs and spoke at the Alliance of Civilizations 2009 Istanbul Forum.

He is currently contributing to various Council of Europe projects and to a range of research projects in Europe and the UK, including a recently completed EC Framework 6 project on religions, education, dialogue and conflict, involving 9 European Universities (REDCo). He spoke at the European Parliament on this project in December 2008. His current UK projects are for the main research councils (AHRC and ESRC), the UK Government's Department for Children, Schools and Families and various charities and trusts, including the Tony Blair Faith Foundation.

Robert Jackson's book *Rethinking Religious Education and Plurality: Issues in Diversity and Pedagogy* was selected by the American Academy of Religion for discussion at its conference in San Antonio, Texas. Robert Jackson was awarded a higher doctorate (DLitt) by the University of Wales for his contribution to international research in religions and education and in 2010 was elected as an Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences.

Robert Jackson belongs to a number of research networks in Europe and beyond, including:

- International Seminar on Religious Education and Values (ISREV)
- European Network for Religious Education through Contextual Approaches (ENRECA)
- International Research Symposium on Inter-Religious and Inter-Cultural Education (IRE)
- Co-ordinating Group for Religious Education in Europe (CoGREE)
- International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)
- European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR)
- The American Academy of Religion (AAR)

International Profile

Robert Jackson speaks regularly at international conferences. During the past few years, he has spoken in Australia (Brisbane [ACU]); Austria (Vienna [OSCE]; Wels [Council of Europe]; Belgium (Brussels [European Parliament]; Bruges [EFTRE]); Canada (Montreal [McGill University]; Ottawa [ISREV]); Denmark (Odense); Estonia (Tartu [REDCo; Tartu University]); Finland [University of Helsinki]; France (Strasbourg, Paris [Council of Europe; IESR]); Germany (Berlin [CoGREE], Bremen [EASR], Hamburg [REDCo]); Greece (Athens [Council of Europe]); Iceland (Reykjavik); Indonesia (Makassar [Oslo Coalition]); Italy (Perugia [OSCE]); Japan (Tokyo [Taisho & Aoyama Universities]); Republic of Korea (Seoul [Sogang University]); Morocco (Rabat); the Netherlands (Leeuwarden [IRE], Driebergen [ISREV], Utrecht [ENRECA]); Norway (Stavanger, Oslo, Kristiansand); Poland (Krakow [British Council]); the Russian Federation (Nizhniy Novgorod [Council of Europe]; St Petersburg [REDCo]); South Africa (Cape Town and Stellenbosch [IRE], Durban [IAHR]); Spain (Granada [REDCo], Toledo and Madrid [OSCE]); Sweden (Lund; Karlstad); Turkey (Istanbul [ISAV; United Nations AoC]); and the USA (San Antonio, Atlanta [AAR]).

He is Editor of the [British Journal of Religious Education](#), the main English Language international research journal in the field and is an Editor of the [Waxmann](#) book series *Religious Diversity and Education in Europe* (published in Germany) <http://www.waxmann.com/?id=21&cHash=1&rei=1862-9547>.

3. Research and interest fields

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4. Current projects

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