



Stichting Platform for Social Transformation

Verslag van uitgeoefende activiteiten in 2021

Opgesteld op woensdag 13 maart 2022.

I. Plataforma C – Aprendamos a incidir

Ontwikkeling van online cursus met de volgende modules:

- The Political Engagement of Confessional Actors: An Introduction to Christian Politics
- Strategies and Tools for Effective Political Advocacy
- Introduction to Religious Freedom
- The State of Religious Freedom in Latin America
- Best Practices to Prevent and/or Solve Religious Conflicts

Vertaling van cursusvideo's naar het Arabisch, Farsi en Russisch (in samenwerking met Sallux).

Vertaling van cursushandboek naar het Arabisch (in samenwerking met Foundation for International Christian-Democratic Development).

II. Family Life and Aids Education Ministry – Why Wait?

In Nigeria is door corona en de lock downs het project stil komen te liggen in 2020. Voor informatie over het project in Malawi, zie www.flaem.org.

III. The Vulnerability Initiative

In 2021, the following outputs were delivered in the framework of this project (in combination with other projects):

Teaching

- Professor at the Interamerican Center for the Study of Social Security of the Interamerican Conference on Social Security, special program on “Negotiation, Dialogue, and Decision-Making”, offered to Latin American civil servants 15-17 December 2021.
- Professor at Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences since March 2021. Course taught: International Negotiation.



- Professor at Latin American University of Science and Technology (Costa Rica) since September 2020. Courses taught: Globalization, Environment and Development; Seminar Geopolitics of the Middle East; Theory of the State; International Political Economy; The Costa Rican Political System; Peaceful Conflict Negotiation and Resolution.
- Lecturer in International Public Management & Digitalization at The Hague University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands) since April 2020. Courses taught: Comparative Public Administration; Comparative Politics; Policy Advice Skills; Research Skills; Modern History and International Institutions; e-Governance; International Law; Public Law; Economics and Government; Public Policy Making; Literature Review; Social Urban Innovation. Thesis supervision.
- Guest lecture in the Minor program 'Globalization, Governance and Development' of the International Public Management program of The Hague University of Applied Sciences (2022).
- Guest lecturer in the Master Module 'Promotion of Local Developments', in partnership with the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam (2021; 2022).
- Guest lecturer at the Institute of Human Rights and Religious Freedom of Zion International University, Colombia (2021).

Awards

- Order of Merit, Governor's Office of the Department of Meta, Colombia (*Orden al mérito*), 3 July 2021

Public testimonies

- Presentation "Guidelines to include the guarantee of religious freedom in urban planning", V international colloquium of the Academic Network for the Respect and Guarantee of Religious Freedom on "Challenges of the participation of the religious sector in urban planning", Ministry of the Interior, Bogotá (Colombia), 1 December 2021.
- Presentation "Obstacles of religious actors-leaders in the promotion of rights and democracy in Cuba", 181st Session of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), Washington D.C., 25 October 2021.
- Presentation "The Social Leadership of Religious Women", National Day of Religious Freedom in Colombia, Institute of Human Rights and Religious Freedom of Zion International University, Secretariat of Human Rights and Peace of the Government of the Department of Meta (Colombia) and Fundación Resiliencia Colombia, 3 July 2021.

Peer-reviewed articles

Petri D.P. & Flores T.I. (2022). The impact of COVID19 on religious regulation: study of Colombia, Cuba, Mexico and Nicaragua. *International Journal for Religious Freedom* 15(2) (under review).

Petri D.P. & Glasius M.E. (2022). [Vulnerability and Active Religious Behavior: Christians and Crime Syndicates in Mexico](#). *Human Rights Quarterly* 44(3) (in press).



- Petri D.P. (2022). [The Tyranny of Religious Freedom Rankings](https://doi.org/10.1080/15570274.2022.2031064). *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* 20(1):82-88. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15570274.2022.2031064>.
- Petri D.P. & Boyd-MacMillan R. (2022). [What Persecution To Endure, To Resist, or To Flee?](#) *Evangelical Review of Theology* 46(1):38-50.
- Petri D.P. (2022). [If it's not broken, don't fix it: review of religious policy in Costa Rica](#). *Rhombus* 2(1): 16-42.
- Petri D.P. & Flores T.I. (2021). Documentation: The Violent Incidents Database of the International Institute for Religious Freedom. *International Journal for Religious Freedom* 14(1/2) (under review).
- Petri D.P. (2021). The Regulation of Religion by Organized Crime: Conceptualization of an Underexplored Phenomenon Based on Empirical Evidence from Northeast Mexico. *International Journal for Religious Freedom* 14(1/2) (under review).
- Petri D.P. (2021). [Christians in Cuba: Dealing with Subtle Forms of Repression](#). *Evangelical Review of Theology* 45(4): 326-340.
- Petri D.P. (2021). [Blinde vlekken: pleidooi voor religieuze geletterdheid](#). *Radix* 47(2):127-138.
- Flores T.I. & Petri D.P. (2020). [Self-censorship in Latin America: empirical evidence from Mexico and Colombia](#). *International Journal for Religious Freedom* 13(1/2): 21-26.
- Petri D.P. & Buckingham J.E. (2020). [Origins and response to secular intolerance](#). *International Journal for Religious Freedom* 13(1/2): 27-35.
- Petri D.P. & Boyd-MacMillan R. (2020). [Death by a thousand cuts: perceptions of the nature and intensity of secular intolerance in Western Europe](#). *International Journal for Religious Freedom* 13(1/2): 37-53.
- Petri D.P. & Buijs G.J. (2019). [The societal relevance of religious freedom research: Notes for academia, public policy and vulnerable religious groups](#). *International Journal for Religious Freedom* 12(1/2): 7-16.
- Petri D.P. (2019). [A Human Security Approach to Religious Freedom: The Religious Minorities Vulnerability Assessment Tool](#). *International Journal for Religious Freedom* 12(1/2): 69-84.
- Bartolini M. & Petri D.P. (2019). [Toward the effective protection of religious freedom in Mexico](#). *International Journal for Religious Freedom* 12(1/2):165-180.

Books

- Petri D.P. (ed.) (2022). *Negociación Internacional en América Latina*. San José: Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) (in press).
- Petri D.P. (2022). *The Costa Rican Political System* (in progress).
- Petri D.P. (2022). *El diálogo social en América Latina* (in progress).
- Petri D.P. (ed.). (2022). *Quality of Democracy* (in progress).
- Petri D.P. (2021). [The Specific Vulnerability of Religious Minorities](#). Bonn: Verlag für Kultur und Wissenschaft. Religious Freedom Series (IIRF), Volume 6. ISBN 978-3-86269-235-4.



Special issues

Petri D.P. & Buijs G.J. (eds.) (2019). [The Impact of Religious Freedom Research](#). *International Journal for Religious Freedom* 12(1/2).

Book chapters

Petri D.P. (2022). Trends and Practices in Costa Rican Education Law. In L. Ma & C.J. Russo (eds.). *A Comparative Analysis of Systems of Education Law*. Heidelberg: Springer (in progress).

Petri D.P. (2022). Religious Education in Costa Rica. In C.J. Russo (ed.). *State aid to faith-based schools*. Oxford: Routledge (in progress).

Petri D.P. (2022). What Persecution To Endure, To Resist, or To Flee? In Ronald Boyd-MacMillan. *An Answer for My Enemies: The Theology, History and Spirituality of the Suffering Church* (in progress).

Petri D.P. (2021). [La necesaria alfabetización religiosa en la administración pública](#). In J.F. Gómez Rodríguez (ed.). *Libertad religiosa es todo menos religiosa*. Funza (pp. 31-35). Funza: Alcaldía del Municipio de Funza, Cundinamarca, Colombia. English translation: [The Necessary Religious Literacy in Public Administration](#).

Academic papers

Petri D.P. & Klocek J. (2022). Comparison of national and subnational indicators of religious freedom: gaps and measurement challenges. International Studies Association 2022 Annual Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, 30 March-2 April 2022.

Petri D.P. (2021). Discriminación religiosa: la importancia del fomento a la cultura laica. Roundtable discussion, III Ciclo del Seminario “Pensando la laicidad: creencias religiosas en el espacio público”, Cátedra Extraordinaria Benito Juárez, Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City, 8 December 2021.

Petri D.P. (2021). 200 years of solitude: improving quality of democracy in Latin America. Sello Azul (webinar), Universidad Latinoamericana de Ciencia y Tecnología, 15 September 2021.

Petri D.P. (2021). La alfabetización religiosa en las formaciones de la Administración Pública. II Congreso Iberoamericano Educación, Sociedad y Cultura: El papel de la universidad en Iberoamérica ante el desafío de los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible 2030, Universidad Católica de Manizales-Universidad de Salamanca, 3-5 September 2021.

Petri D.P. & Flores T.I. (2021). The impact of COVID19 on religious regulation: study of Colombia, Cuba, Mexico and Nicaragua. 18th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (Panel “Religious Minorities and Covid-19”), Pisa, 30 August-3 September 2021.

Petri D.P. (2021). [Los efectos de la pandemia sobre la Libertad Religiosa. Querétaro: Observatorio Mexicano de Libertad Religiosa](#), Centro de Investigación Social Avanzada.



Petri D.P. (2021). Creencias religiosas y territorio: la necesaria alfabetización religiosa en la administración pública. VI Congreso Nacional y I Congreso Internacional de Etnografía de la Religión: Santuarios y Peregrinaciones, Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, 2-4 June 2021.

Petri D.P. & Osorio J.F. (2021). La apropiación territorial de la diversidad religiosa. XXIII Meeting of the Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México (RIFREM), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, México, 24-26 March 2021.

Policy papers and other publications

Flores T.I. & Petri D.P. (2022). *Faith Community Action for Nicaragua Electoral Participation*. Miami: Outreach Aid to the Americas (in press).

Petri D.P. & Arauz Cantón J.B. (2022). [Herramientas de análisis de la libertad religiosa](#). Voorburg: Observatory of Religious Freedom in Latin America.

Petri D.P. & Arauz Cantón J.B. (2022). [Religious Freedom Assessment Tools](#). Voorburg: Observatory of Religious Freedom in Latin America.

Flores T.I. & Petri D.P. (2021). [Percepciones sobre el fenómeno de la autocensura de cristianos. Casos de estudio: Colombia y México](#). Voorburg: Observatory of Religious Freedom in Latin America.

Petri D.P. & Flores T.I. (2021). Report on “[Persons belonging to religious or belief minorities in situations of conflict and insecurity](#).” Submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief.

Petri D.P. & Flores T.I. (ed.) (2021). *Perceptions on Self-Censorship. Confirming and Understanding the “Chilling Effect.” Case studies on France, Germany, Colombia and Mexico*. Harderwijk: Open Doors International (in press).

Petri D.P. & Flores Ch. T.I. (2021). [Religious Regulation and Discrimination in Venezuela: Country Case Study Analysis](#). Washington DC: United States Institute of Peace.

Petri D.P. (2021). Christenverfolgung in Lateinamerika. *Idea Spezial 8, Christenverfolgung*: 14-15.

Yglesias Ramos M.J., Rivero Soto S. & Petri D.P. (eds.) (2021). *Sustainable Development Goals in the Costa Rican Private Sector. State of the Art Report and Challenges 2020-2021*. San José: Universidad Latinoamericana de Ciencia y Tecnología.

Documentary productions

Petri D.P. (2020). [Costa Rica: The School of Protest / Costa Rica: La escuela de la protesta](#). Web series “Protesta: activismo en los tiempos de pandemia.” Observatoire Politique de l’Amérique Latine et des Caraïbes (Sciences Po Paris) & Transparencia por Colombia.

Petri D.P. (2020). [Mexico: Justice for Murdered Priests / México: Justicia para padres asesinados](#). Web series “Protesta: activismo en los tiempos de pandemia.” Observatoire Politique de l’Amérique Latine et des Caraïbes (Sciences Po Paris) & Transparencia por Colombia.



IV. Observatory of Religious Freedom in Latin America

OLIRE has served OD stakeholders, civil society organizations, churches and parachurch organizations across Latin America and has participated in different academic and political fora during 2021.

Areas of work

- ***Monitor:*** We document, investigate, and analyze the state of religious freedom and its possible limitations in the different countries of the region. Especially the position of vulnerable religious minorities whose rights are being infringed.
- ***Empower:*** We train the public, political actors, and international institutions on the right to religious freedom and the range of hostilities and violations of this right in Latin America.
- ***Influence:*** We aim to participate and actively influence the social and public sphere, at the national and multilateral level to improve the protection of the right to religious freedom.

Impact opportunities during 2021

- Submissions of articles in different academic journals that study religious freedom issues.
- Publication of the special issue of the International Journal for Religious Freedom “The impact of religious freedom research” with three articles on Latin America”.
- Participation in a virtual meeting with approximately 30 civil society organizations and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights during the 181st period of sessions, with the topic: Obstacles of religious actors leaders in the promotion of rights and democracy in Cuba.
- The Nicaragua chapter presented in the 2021 Annual Report of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom-USCIRF cites the semi-annual report for the January-June 2020 period prepared by OLIRE.
- Collaboration with Outreach Aid to the Americas, Inc. (OAA) in the execution of the project Faith Community Action for Nicaragua Electoral Participation (Fanep).
- Collaboration with the United States Institute of Peace on the research project “Closing the Gap”, Case study on Venezuela.
- Collaboration with the research area for a web documentary about the murder of priests in Mexico in partnership with the Observatoire politique sur L’Amérique Latine (OPALC), Sciences Po Paris (France) and Transparency for Colombia.
- Collaboration with the Latin America unit of the World Watch Research Unit of Open Doors International in the elaboration and presentation of the Amicus Curiae: Caso Pavez Pavez vs. Chile, to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
- Collaboration with the analysis on the topic Religious freedom and policies on sex, gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity for the UN call for input to a thematic report:



Gender, sexual orientation and gender identity (Joint work with the Latin America research unit of WWR).

- Research project "Perceptions on Self-Censorship: Confirming and Understanding the “Chilling Effect”, Case studies on Colombia and Mexico.
- Distance internship program for university students and recent graduates. Collaboration agreement with the Guillermo Buritica Restrepo Legal Clinic and Reconciliation Center of the University of Manizales to admit law students as interns of the Observatory.
- Supervision on thesis defense of former OLIRE intern (research on violence against priests in Mexico), The Hague University of Applied Sciences.
- Collaboration in the organization of conferences and lectures to students from different universities/institutions.
- Recognition from the Manizales Council (Colombia) for the work done promoting religious freedom in the academy.
- The work done by OLIRE and the contents of the website were used as training tools in a Course on Religious Associations for 27 students from at least 10 indigenous communities in Puebla and Veracruz, both Nahuatl and Totonacas. They all belong to a Biblical Institute, in Xicotepec, Pueblan (Mexico).
- Continuous participation in conferences / lectures on different state and non-state forums.

Biannual reports

- [Biannual Report January-June 2021](#)
- [Biannual Report July-December 2021](#)