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Dear Colleague,

We have recently been reflecting on research design in religious education, especially the formative effects on research in religious education in the school context what we from now on frame as “religious didactics” (see BJRE 2021, “Research designs in ‘religious didactics’”: <https://doi.org/10.1080/01416200.2021.1887083>). We would now like to put these reflections on a broader footing and explore this foundational question. Therefore, we are launching a Delphi survey to which we warmly invite you to contribute your expertise.

Research question of the Delphi study

In this study we will seek to answer two questions:

- 1) Which factors have a formatting effect on research in religious didactics?
- 2) Which research designs in religious didactics are considered to be tried and tested?

Significance of the Delphi Study

The potential of this study is, that it can make us more aware of the factors that influence our research in the field of religious education. This awareness can give us a deeper understanding of research in religious didactics and can be helpful e.g. for the scientific training of young scholars and for an international dialogue when comparing, how research in religious didactics works.

Target group of the Delphi study

Delphi studies thrive on the expertise of their respondents. Delphi studies are therefore aimed at people who are familiar with the research field in question. It is for this reason that this Delphi study is addressed to **all colleagues within the field of religious education who possess at least a doctoral degree** as proof that they have successfully carried out a research project in the field of religious didactics.

Process of the Delphi study

We invite colleagues with a **doctoral degree** to participate in the following survey:

<https://umfragen.uni-siegen.de/index.php/853282?lang=de>

This will require about 25 minutes to complete. The survey will be **available until June 30, 2021**. All current privacy requirements are met, and your anonymity will be preserved. Once the data is analyzed, we will present the findings to you for an assessment.

The greater the participation in the study, the more representative the results will be of the discussion in the field of religious education. We therefore ask you to take approx. 25 minutes to complete this questionnaire and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your contribution.