



## Religion and Prison: Practices, Actors, Spaces, and Challenges of Pluralism

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Religion in prison could be considered a mature and well-established research area, especially for sociological and anthropological academic literature. A branch of these studies has paved the way to analysing how institutions are facing the pluralist challenge of growing religious diversity inhabiting prison (Beckford, Gilliat 1998). This promising line of research becomes increasingly important in a social and political context in which a balanced and forward-looking management of cultural and religious plurality in public institutions appears to be threatened by a temptation to rely on securitarian policies that, with Ragazzi (2016), we could call “policed multiculturalism”.

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