

Project name, IRN	AP19175872 «The activities of new religious organizations in Kazakhstan: historical and religious research (on the example of Western Kazakhstan)»
Completion date	17.05.2023-31.12.2025
Project supervisor	Mustafina Zhanar Duisembekovna, PhD, senior lecturer
Report	<p>The proposed research work is fully consistent with the measures taken by the state to study topical issues of national history and religious studies, replenish knowledge in this area, a comprehensive plan for the implementation of state policy in the religious sphere of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2021-2023, as well as compliance with the principle of tolerance, law «freedom of religion», proclaimed in the Constitution - the fundamental law of the country. The Republic of Kazakhstan is a multinational state and every citizen, without any restrictions on the basis of nationality, has the right to freedom of choice of religion. In this context, speaking at the recently held VIII Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, President Kassym-Jomart Kemelevich Tokayev noted that: «Currently, representatives of more than 100 ethnic groups, about 4,000 religious associations, representing 18 confessions, operate freely». Among them are new religious organizations or non-traditional religious movements that we are going to explore. It is important to study the history of the emergence and formation of each of them on the territory of Kazakhstan, religious teachings, activities, and the place occupied in the modern Kazakhstani public consciousness.</p> <p>This project aims to fill these gaps that we noted above. The chronological period of the project covers the period of the XX-XXI centuries. After all, a number of these new religious organizations (for example, Evangelical Christian Baptists, etc.) appeared on the territory of the country at the beginning of the last century, while others have stepped up their activities since the early 1990s. The latter we regard as neo-protestant organizations.</p>
Purpose	The purpose of the project is to study the history of the formation of new religious organizations in Kazakhstan on the basis of various sources and field research, to conduct a religious analysis of the modern activities of new religious organizations, to identify the features of religious teachings and practices, to determine their place in the interreligious relations of modern kazakh society and their influence on the formation of religious consciousness.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - study of the history of the emergence, stages of formation of new religious organizations in Kazakhstan; - study of the modern activities of new religious organizations, their religious teachings and symbols, religious practices; assessment of the place in Kazakhstan's religious consciousness; - conducting sociological research on the knowledge and ideas of young people about new religious organizations and publishing its results; - publication of research results in international scientific publications, approbation at scientific conferences.
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<p>Participation in the conference</p>	<p>1. "The Teachings of Zarathustra and Central Asia: spiritual, cultural and historical continuity". International Scientific and Practical Conference (Uralsk, 29.09.2023); 2. "Scientific foundations of Mashkhurovedeniya and the development of modern humanities". International Scientific and Practical Conference (Pavlodar, 17.11.2023).</p>