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Migration as a driver of religious change in Vienna

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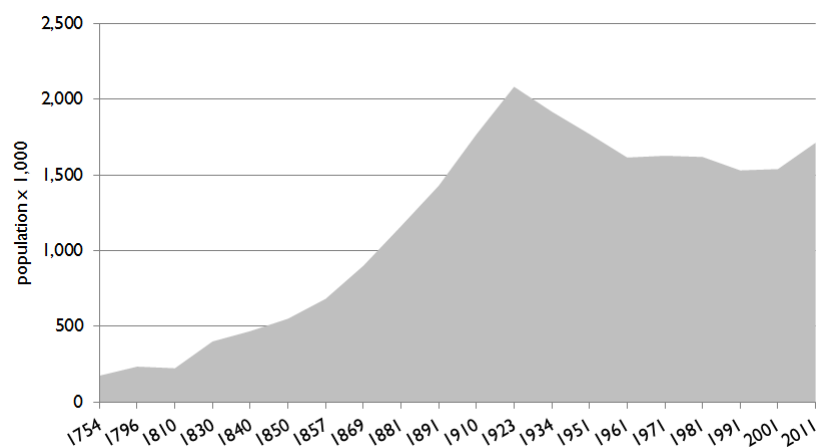
Outline

- The **WIREL** project
- Reconstruction of the **religious composition** of the population of Vienna (1971 – 2001/11)
- Impact of **migration** on religious change since 1971

The WIREL project

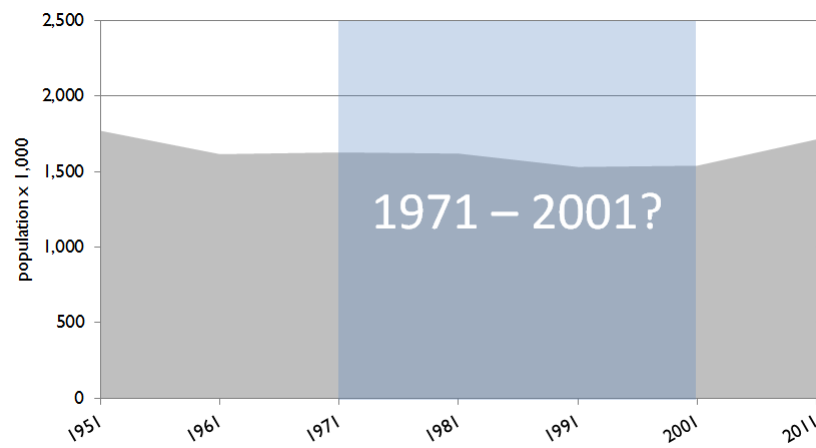
- **WIREL** – “Past, present and future religious prospects in Vienna 1950-2050” (**WWTF**)
- Aiming to determine the **role of religion** in shaping the demographic structure of Vienna
- **Background:** Fading domination of Catholic Church
 - Progressing **secularisation & immigration**
 - Changes in the size and composition of the **population of Vienna**

Population size of Vienna 1754 – 2011



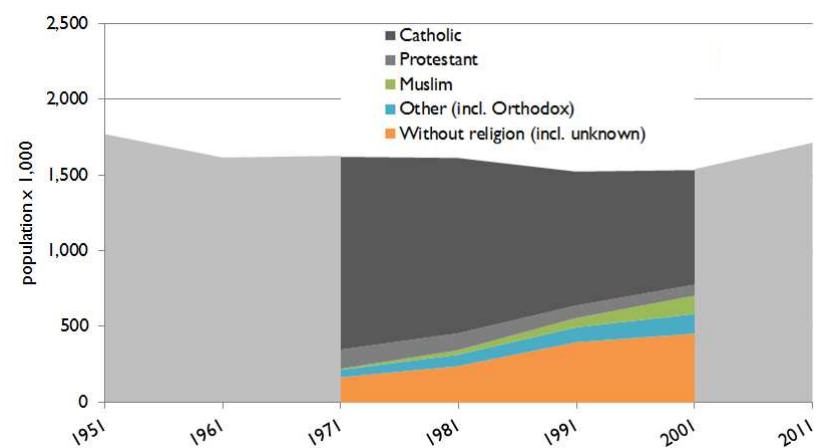
Source: Statistics Austria

Temporal scope of the reconstruction



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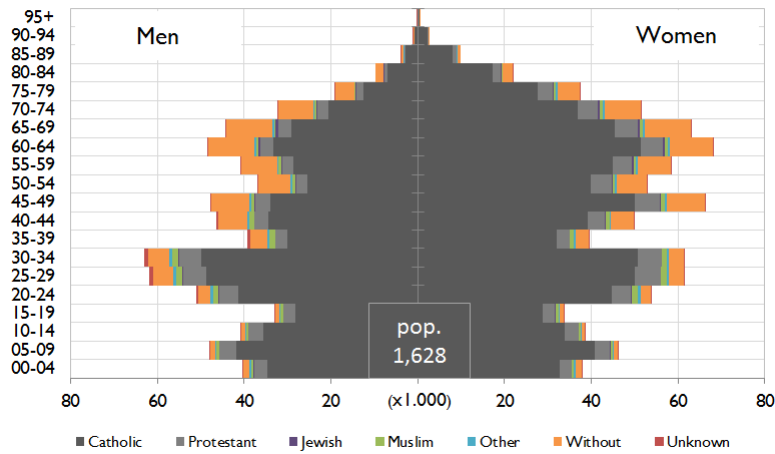
Change in religious composition



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Population by age, sex and religion

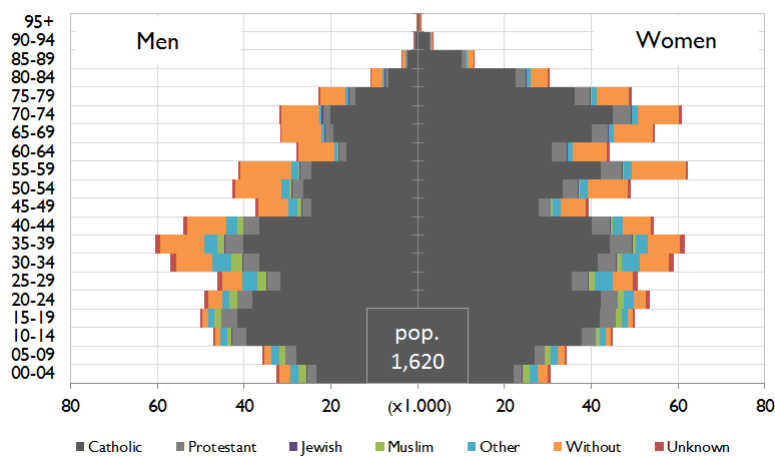
1971



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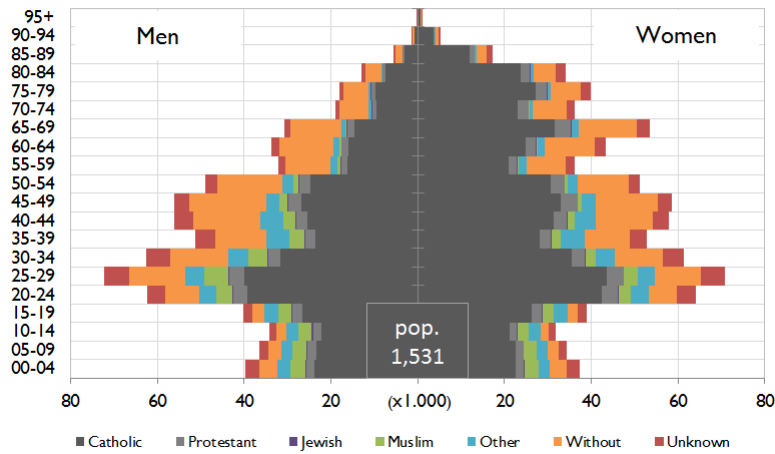
1981



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Population by age, sex and religion

1991



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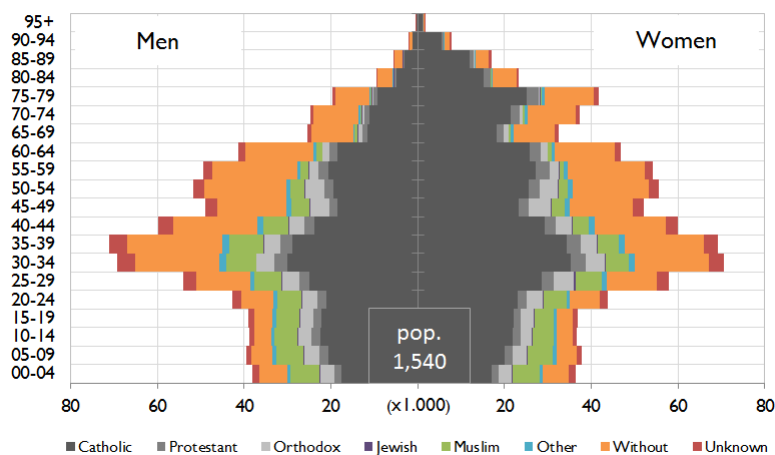


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Population by age, sex and religion

2001



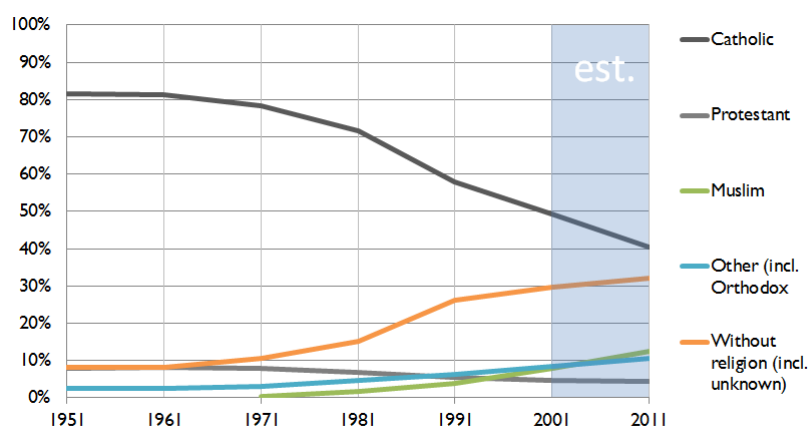
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Increasing religious diversity in Vienna



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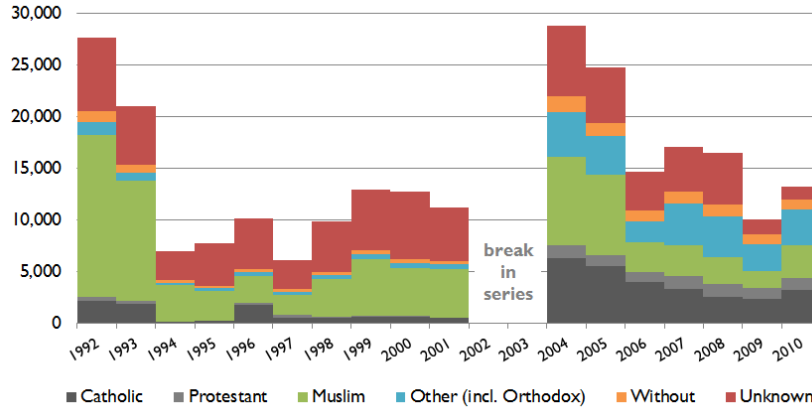
Shaping the religious composition

Forces of the **past & future**

- Secularisation
- **Migration**
- Fertility differentials
- Marriage behaviour

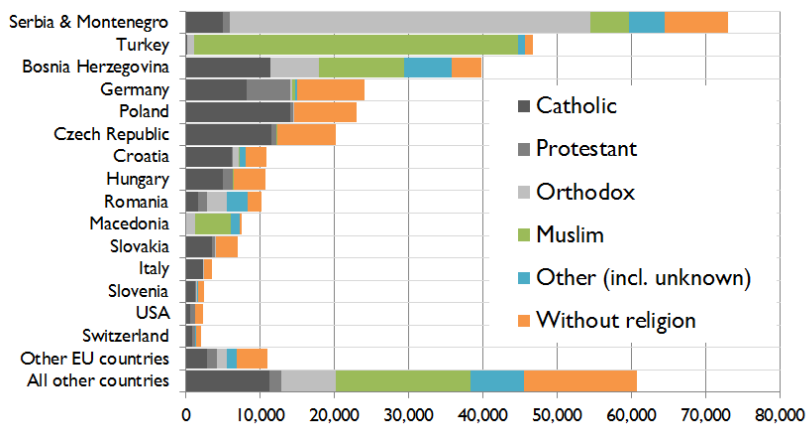
International net migration (est.)

based on random migrant assumption



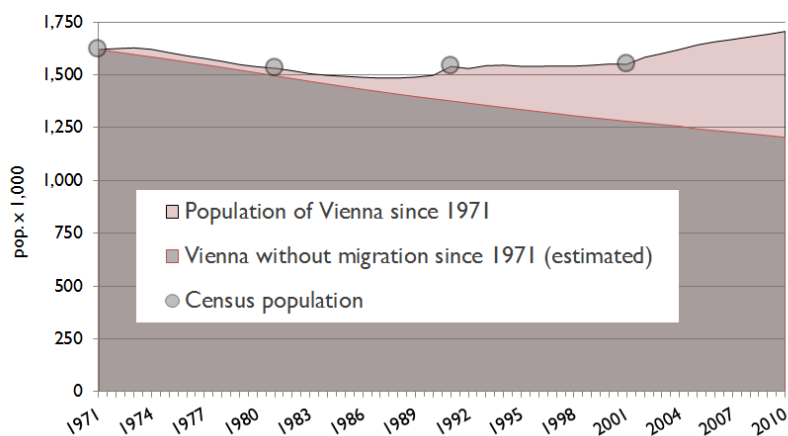
Sources:
 Net flows by citizenship from the City of Vienna Statistical Yearbooks (1992-2010);
 distribution by religion from the World Religion Database (2010)

Country of birth & religion (2001)



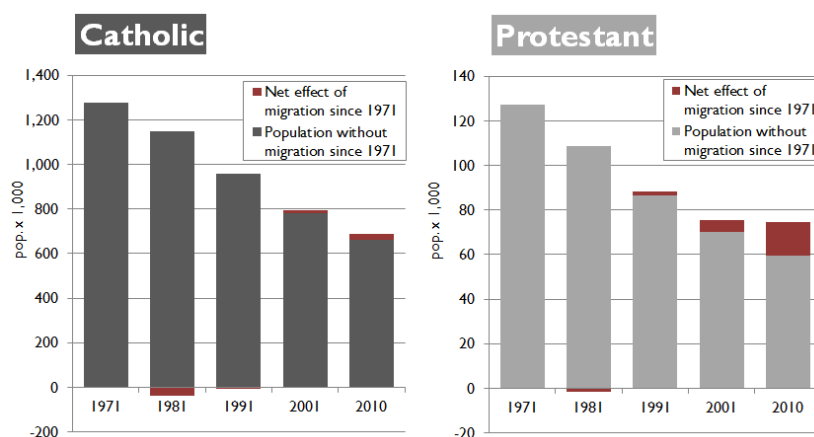
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Impact of migration on size of pop.



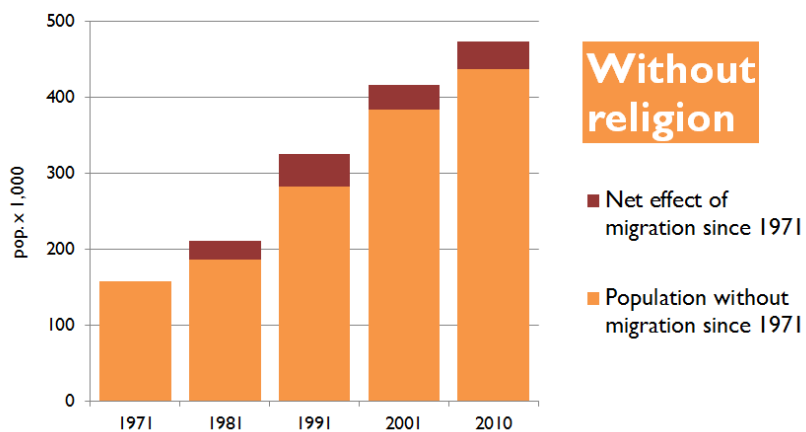
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Net effect of migration since 1971



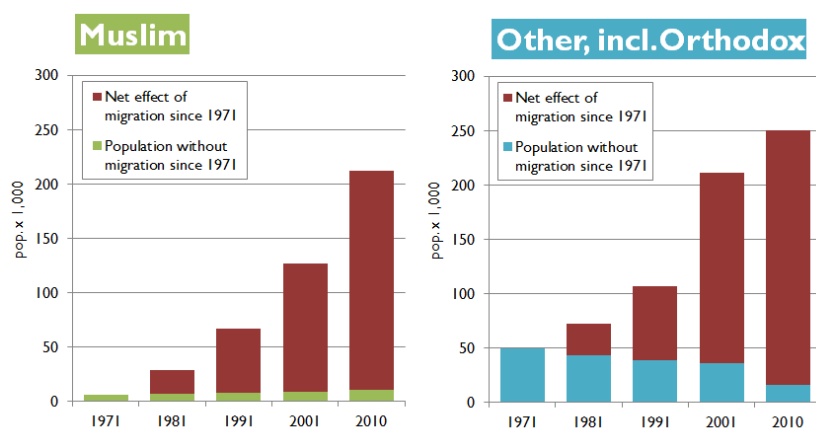
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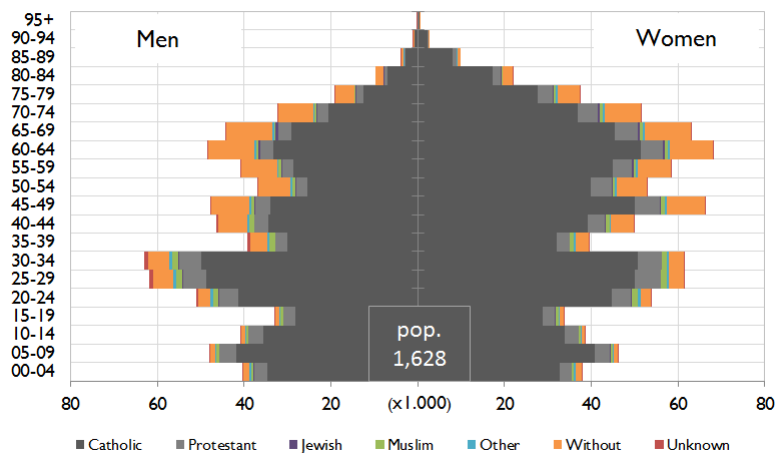
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Population by age, sex and religion

1971



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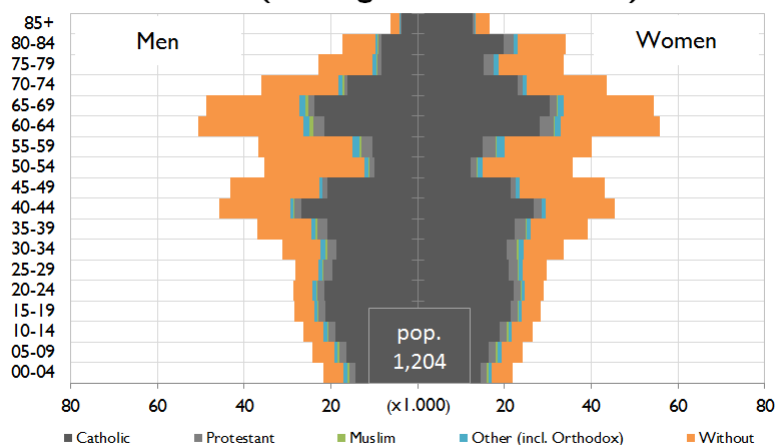


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Population by age, sex and religion

2011 (no migration since 1971)



Source: Statistics Austria;
estimates of population size and composition by the authors

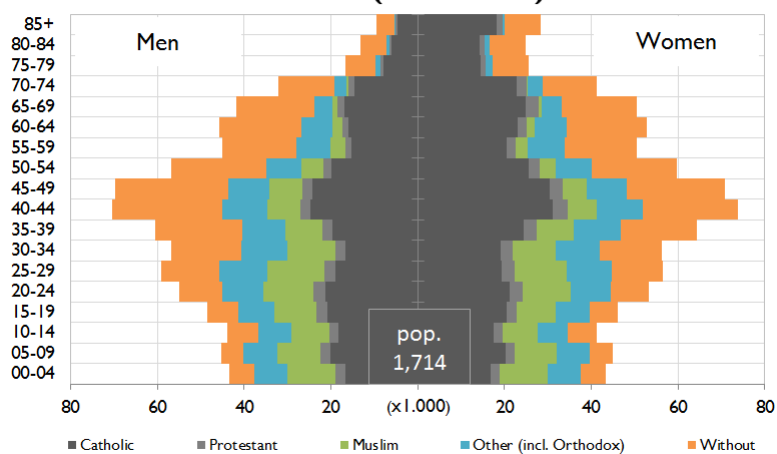


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Population by age, sex and religion

2011 (estimated)



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estimates of religious composition by the authors

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More information on WIREL:
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