

## Summary

<b>Title:</b>	THE CHRISTIAN BODY AT WORK
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<b>Summary:</b>	<p>This study explores the contribution of extant research to the study of Christians in work contexts in contemporary western societies and seeks to advance this contribution by drawing on conceptual and empirical resources to explore the bodily character of contemporary Christian modes of existence at work. In current research, as it has emerged mainly in the context of management and organization studies, the existence of Christians at work is primarily approached via the three notions of faith, spirituality and religion, and the related notion of tradition. Additionally, theological approaches to contemporary workplaces focus on the notion of ethics to conceptualize the implications of Christian existence at work. However, the relationship of these terms to the study of Christians at work remains, to a certain degree, vague. By focusing instead on a conceptual map around different usages of the term 'Christian(s)' and its existential and nominal connotations, the present study provides the basis for a fresh assessment and clarification of key terms: not in general, but as they relate to the study of Christians at work. An existential understanding of the term Christian(s) that takes seriously the embodied and spiritual character of Christian existence permits a taking into account of the bodily participation of Christians in Christ's death and resurrection as an existential and practical nerve center for carrying out work activities in contemporary western contexts.</p>
<b>Key Terms:</b>	Participation in Jesus Christ; faith, spirituality and religion at work; embodiment; Christian existence; Christ's death and resurrection.