

COURSE DETAIL

RELIGION IN WORLD POLITICS

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Leiden University College

Program(s)

Leiden University College

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

116

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

RELIGION IN WORLD POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Religion has become an increasingly important and controversial issue in world politics over the past forty years. Against the expectations of secularization theorists, religion has not only remained socially strong in many parts of the world, but has become increasingly politically visible. This course aims to deepen students' understanding of the events and ideas that inform these debates; to encourage students to think critically about the most influential answers that have been offered; and to provide students with resources for developing their own answers in more nuanced and sophisticated ways. The course begins by examining a number of key analytical frameworks that have been especially influential in debates about religion in political life. Each of these approaches offers a different account of how religion is related to political action, drawing attention to particular aspects of religious politics. The course analyzes some of the most contested issues associated with the new political visibility of religion, considering what they illuminate and what they obscure. Issues covered vary from year to year, but include topics such as fundamentalism, communalism, religious freedom, as well as the relationship between religious politics and violence, democracy, national and regional identity, and globalization. The course draws on examples and cases that illustrate more general themes or have intrinsic interest in the context of contemporary concerns.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

8002WP57Y

Host Institution Course Title

RELIGION IN WORLD POLITICS

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

World Politics

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