

COURSE DETAIL

RELIGION IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETIES: FUNDAMENTALISM, RADICALIZATION, AND RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE

Country

Norway

Host Institution

University of Oslo

Program(s)

University of Oslo

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Religious Studies

UCEAP Course Number

103

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course provides a theoretical and empirical introduction to religion as a sociological phenomenon, with a focus on religion in contemporary society, fundamentalism, religious radicalization, and violence. The course provides knowledge and insight into different concepts of religion and debates on religious change in contemporary society. In order to understand fundamentalism, religious radicalization, and violence, the course discusses different perspectives that have been used in empirical studies such as social psychology, cultural analysis, and social movements. Students discuss whether Western societies are post-secular or increasingly secular by relating sociological theories to empirical studies of the role of religion in Norwegian and Nordic public spheres. The course examines religious radicalization and religious violence, and which aspects of all world religions can be used to legitimize violence. Students gain useful knowledge and skills for working in education, research, the media, public administration, health and social services, business, politics, and international affairs.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SOS2700

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Host Institution Campus

Social Sciences

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