COURSE DETAIL

POLITICS AND RELIGION IN THE MODERN WORLD
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Utrecht University – University College Utrecht
Program(s) University College Utrecht
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Religious Studies Political Science History
UCEAP Course Number 135
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title POLITICS AND RELIGION IN THE MODERN WORLD
UCEAP Transcript Title POL&REL MODRN WORLD
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course focuses on the relationship between religion and politics. To untangle this relationship, the course examines the role of four core processes – globalization, nation-state formation, colonialism, and gender – in giving shape to contemporary relations between politics and religion. In the first place, it offers a sweeping historical survey, starting with imperialism, the French and Haitian Revolutions, and modern state formation. This leads to contemporary geopolitics, religious nationalism (Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, Confucian), and socio-cultural contests (over sexuality, abortion, education, and migration). The central goal is to understand how recurring questions of the political community (who has power, how, and why?) are informed by and inform struggles over the place, role, and nature of religion. Questions are addressed in an interdisciplinary fashion, where politics, history, and religious studies encounter one another. The course consists of interactive lectures and seminar-style discussions, including ones that are student-organized and student-led.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus
University College Utrecht

Host Institution Faculty
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Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department Political Science
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