

COURSE DETAIL

RELIGION, POLITICS AND SOCIETY

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

132

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

RELIGION, POLITICS AND SOCIETY

UCEAP Transcript Title

RELIGION/POL & SOC

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the study of religion in the social sciences. It examines what people do with religion and what religion does to people. The guiding thread of this course is to investigate how “religion” itself as a category is debated and contested, what counts as religion, and who gets to decide. The course is divided into three parts. The first part explores the definitions of religion that have been provided by classical authors. The second part analyzes the intersections of religion with other social categories such as class, gender, and race. The third part interrogates the politics of religion and how States, international organizations, political actors, and citizens grapple with religion, seek to regulate it, or use it to further political ends. The course is interdisciplinary and exposes students to various approaches of religion rooted in political science, sociology, history, and anthropology. It provides the theoretical and methodological tools to best appraise the place of religion in contemporary societies and discuss such complex and debated issues as secularism, fundamentalism, religious freedom, and religious discrimination.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ASPO 25A27

Host Institution Course Title

RELIGION, POLITICS AND SOCIETY

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

