

COURSE DETAIL

RELIGION, GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Religious Studies

UCEAP Course Number

128

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

RELIGION, GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS

UCEAP Transcript Title

REL/GENDER/HUM RGTS

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course explores the complex connections between religion and human rights, both in terms of the evolution of the contemporary human rights regime, and in relation to the specific disputed issue of gender. The relationship between religion and human rights is controversial and contested. On the one hand is the claim that human rights require a religious grounding. This course explores the complex connections between religion and human rights, both in terms of the evolution of the contemporary human rights regime, and in relation to the specific disputed issue of gender, and have their antecedents in religious traditions, while on the other hand is the view that human rights provide a necessary antidote to the prejudices and inequalities that are characteristic of religion. The course begins with a consideration of contemporary understandings of human rights, of the role of religion in the evolution of the language, values and norms of human rights, and of contemporary debates about orientalism, colonialism and post-colonialism in the articulation and implementation of human rights. The second section considers debates about the nature and politics of gender, the role that different religions play in the construction and maintenance of gender norms, and the manner in which different religions deal with the issue of women's rights.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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REU22512

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

School of Religion, Theology, and Peace Studies

Host Institution Degree**Host Institution Department****Course Last Reviewed**

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