COURSE DETAIL

TERROR AND RELIGION
Country Australia
Host Institution University of New South Wales
Program(s) University of New South Wales
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Religious Studies
UCEAP Course Number 30
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title TERROR AND RELIGION
UCEAP Transcript Title TERROR AND RELIGION
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

The course explores the historic and contemporary links between religion and terror and helps students understand the complexity of religious violence in the late 20th and early 21st centuries, especially in relation to terrorism and the so-called “war against terror.” The course addresses the re-emergence of religious nationalism and the threats it presents to modern states. The course investigates legal and other definitions of terrorism and the development of modern doctrines of terror. It examines topics such as religious motivation, and the justification and legitimization of the use violence in a number of major religious belief systems. It identifies the differences between mainstream and extremist teachings. It analyzes significant acts of religiously motivated violence, and explores background issues such as secularization, modernism and globalization, as well as more personal ones, such as the nature of religious conviction and its influence on behavior.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
GENL1063

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Host Institution Campus
University of New South Wales

Host Institution Faculty
School of Law, Society and Criminology

Host Institution Degree

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