

# Religions and International Relations (Bachelor Year 3 / Spring)

**Bachelor in Social Sciences / Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Law**

## Introduction

Although, historically speaking, the great religions preceded the emergence of nations and states, they were long neglected by Political Science. However, the 1970s and 1980s saw a resurgence of religion around the world and its incursion into politics, with religions becoming increasingly politicized and influential on the international stage. As a result, since the early 2000s, there has been a proliferation of research on « Religions and International Relations ». This introductory course presents the various international issues in which religions are involved: war, terrorism, reconciliation, democratization, human rights and development.

- 1) Religion and politics: a historical approach
- 2) Religions in the world: a geopolitical approach
- 3) Religion, war and terrorism
- 4) Religions, peace and reconciliation
- 5) Religions, democratization and human rights
- 6) Religions and sustainable development
- 7) Conclusion: religion and IR theories

## Objectives

Through this course, students will acquire a clear understanding of the sociological reality of the world's major religious areas, and have an insight into the influence of religious actors on the international stage.

## Admission

### Prerequisite

#### Prerequisites training

Some knowledge on the history of IR in the 20th century.

## Program

### Bibliography

## Duration

1 semester

## Teaching languages

- English

## Conditions of submission

If you need more information about this course, kindly send an email to: [incomingdri@icp.fr](mailto:incomingdri@icp.fr)

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