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

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