

Anthropologie de la religion

Lecturer

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Course mnemonic

SOCA-D473

ECTS credits

5 credits

Language(s) of instruction

French

Course period

First term

Course content

Religion in anthropology has a venerable history. Ever since the early debates about animism, mythology and magic, as well as very recent debates about cognitive approaches, religion has been a central theme. First, the course explores classic problems and contributions of the anthropology of religion, its roots and views of religion under French, British and American paradigms. We will closely read ethnographical accounts of religious practices in Africa, Latin America, Europe and elsewhere, to acquaint students with conceptual dimensions of the anthropological study of religion: What is religion in cross-cultural contexts? What is a religious symbol? How do we believe? What does ritual? What does it mean for those who experience and practice it? The second and third parts concentrate on the most recent developments in the field of anthropology of religion, with an emphasis on current debates including historical dynamics in religion and cognitive analyzes of systems of thought and ritual action.

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Co-requisites courses

SOCA-D208 | Histoire de la pensée anthropologique | 5 crédits,
SOCA-D308 | Anthropologie économique | 5 crédits and SOCA-D309 | Political Anthropology | 5 crédits

Course having this one as co-requisite

SOCA-D309 | Political Anthropology | 5 crédits

Evaluation method(s)

Other

Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences

BA-SHUM | Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences | option Bruxelles/unit 3, BA-SOCA | Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology | unit 3, MA-PPHIL | Master in Philosophy | finalité Research/unit 1 and finalité Research/unit 2, MA-PRELA | Master in Study of Religions and Secular Thought | finalité Moral secular support/unit 1 and finalité Diachronia of religion/unit 1 and MA60-PRELA | Master in Religion and Secular Thought (60 crédits) | unit U