

Course number		U-LAS01 10015 LE38									
Course title (and course title in English)		Religion in Contemporary Society-E2 Religion in Contemporary Society-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation		Center for Southeast Asian Studies Associate Professor,Julius Bautista					
Group		Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		History and Civilization(Foundations)					
Language of instruction		English		Old group		Group A		Number of credits		2	
Number of weekly time blocks		1		Class style		Lecture (Face-to-face course)		Year/semesters		2024 • First semester	
Days and periods		Wed.4		Target year		Mainly 1st & 2nd year students		Eligible students		For liberal arts students	
[Overview and purpose of the course]											
<p>This course is an exploration into how religion impacts upon some of the major social, cultural, political and economic issues of today's world. We shall be focusing on specific case studies relating to religious fundamentalism, religious pluralism, new religious movements and spirituality from around the world. Specific attention will also be paid to considering how the rise of information technology and social media impact religious belief and practice. We consider case studies in inquiring into how religion influences the pursuit of knowledge and scientific inquiry, including questions of ethics and morality in a rapidly globalizing world.</p>											
[Course objectives]											
<p>This course has two main learning outcomes for students: (1) the ability to assess how religion has figured as a critical factor in some of the major political and social issues facing the world today and (2) the ability to express an informed opinion on the themes of science and modernity, religious violence, extremism, radicalization and revivalism among others.</p>											
[Course schedule and contents)]											
<p>Week 1 Introduction and Course Queries Week 2 Religion and the Contemporary Demographic Order 1 Week 3 Religion and the Contemporary Demographic Order 2 Week 4 Discussion Session (Lectures 2-3) Week 5 Globalization and Religious Belief 1 Week 6 Globalization and Religious Belief 2 Week 7 Discussion Session (Lectures 5-6) Week 8 Religion and Technology 1 Week 9 Religion and Technology 2 Week 10 Discussion Session (Lectures 8-9) Week 11 Religion and Politics 1 Week 12 Religion and Politics 2 Week 13 Discussion Session (Lectures 11-12) Week 14 Conclusion and Recap Week 15 Examination Week 16 Feedback Week</p>											
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### [Course requirements]

None

### [Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be evaluated according to three main criteria:

- (1) Class attendance and participation in in-class and online discussion (30%)
- (2) A written essay of up to 3000 words (35%)
- (3) At least two structured group discussions (35%)

### [Textbooks]

Instructed during class

### [References, etc.]

( References, etc. )

Introduced during class

### [Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

No prior knowledge of religion is required. Students should be able to participate in discussions with their classmates in English. This will be face-to-face small group discussion or online forum. Students may also be asked to make short presentations in English based on the class topics.

### [Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Consultation is by appointment via email to [bautista@cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:bautista@cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp)