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授業科目名 <英訳>		Science of Religion I-E2 Science of Religion I-E2				担当者所属 職名・氏名		文学研究科 教授 CATT, Adam Alvah	
群	人文・社会科学科目群			分野(分類)	哲学・思想(基礎)			使用言語	英語
旧群	A群	単位数	2単位	週コマ数	1コマ	授業形態	講義 (対面授業科目)		
開講年度・ 開講期	2024・後期		曜時限	水2		配当学年	全回生	対象学生	文系向
[授業の概要・目的]									
This course provides an introduction to understanding religion as a natural phenomenon, focusing on addressing the question of where religious beliefs come from and why we find them so compelling.									
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By the end of this course, students will have gained a basic understanding of the scientific study of religion.									
[授業計画と内容]									
<p>This course is designed to address the following two questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why do we have religious beliefs?</li> <li>2. What are some approaches for understanding religion as a natural phenomenon?</li> </ol> <p>We will primarily read and discuss chapters from the following:</p> <p>Boyer, Pascal (2001) Religion Explained: The Evolutionary Origins of Religious Thought. Basic Books.</p> <p>Other readings and videos to supplement the above will be introduced during the class.</p> <p>Class 1: Introduction  Class 2: Defining religion (read Jonathan Z. Smith: Religion, Religions, Religious)  Class 3: Religion as a natural phenomenon (read Paul Bloom: Religion is Natural)  Classes 4-5: Why do we have religious beliefs? (read Pascal Boyer: Chapter 1, What is the Origin?)  Classes 6-12: Readings from Boyer etc.  Class 13: Video: Robert Sapolsky “ The Biological Underpinnings of Religiosity ” (1h22m)  Class 14: Discussion  Class 15: Feedback</p>									
[履修要件]									
特になし									
[成績評価の方法・観点]									
Grades are based on attendance/class participation (30%), and assignments/exams (70%). Important: If you miss four or more classes, you will not be given credit for the course.									
[教科書]									
Relevant materials will be provided in class.									
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### [参考書等]

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授業中に紹介する

### [授業外学修 ( 予習・復習 ) 等]

Readings will be assigned on a weekly basis, and you will be expected to prepare sufficiently to discuss the materials in each class.

### [その他 ( オフィスアワー等 ) ]

Office hours to be specified (check KULASIS). For questions about the course or to set up a meeting, email me at [catt.adam.7c@kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:catt.adam.7c@kyoto-u.ac.jp). Please include “ Religion ” in the mail header and your full name and student number in the email. Important: Make sure that you search for answers to questions yourself before contacting me by email.