科目ナンバリング	U-LAS00 10015 LE34						
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	2026・後期	曜時限	水1	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 methods for understanding and evaluating religious ideas and practices, focusing in particular on modern approaches such as evolutionary biology and cognitive psychology to address the question of where religious beliefs come from and why we find them so compelling.

[到達目標]

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]

After an introduction to the course, each class (out of a total of 15 classes including classes for feedback) will be based around addressing the following two questions:
1. Why do we have religious beliefs?
2. How can religious beliefs be explained using the tools of anthropology, evolutionary biology, and cognitive psychology?
We will read and discuss chapters from the following two books:
Boyer, Pascal (2001) Religion Explained: The Evolutionary Origins of Religious Thought. Basic Books.
Atran, Scott (2002) In Gods We Trust: The Evolutionary Landscape of Religion. Oxford University Press.
Class 1: Introduction
Class 2: Boyer, pp. 1-25 (up to “Religion and the Social Mind” heading)
Class 3: Boyer, pp. 26-50
Class 4: Atran, pp. 51-67 (up to section 3.6.)
Class 5: Atran, pp. 67-79
Class 6: Atran, pp. 83-100 (up to section 4.7.)
Class 7: Atran, pp. 100-113
Class 8: Atran, pp. 114-130 (up to section 5.6.)
Class 9: Atran, pp. 130-146
Class 10: Atran, pp. 174-186 (up to section 7.4.)
Class 11: Atran, pp. 186-196
Class 12: Video: Robert Sapolsky “The Biological Underpinnings of Religiosity” (1h22m)
Class 13: Atran, pp. 263-271 (up to section 10.8.)
Class 14: Atran, pp. 271-280
Class 15: Feedback

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[成績評価の方法・観点]

Grades are based on attendance/class participation (30%), and assignments/exams/presentations (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.

[参考書等]

（参考書）
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. 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.

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