



STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2023-2024

COURSE TITLE

Church-State Relations and the Role of Religious Movements in the EU's Neighbourhood / Les relations Eglises-Etat et le rôle des mouvements religieux dans les pays voisins de l'Union européenne

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

ROUSSELET Kathy & SHEIKH Naveed

ACADEMIC ASSISTANT(S)

PASTOR VIDAL Pablo

COURSE TYPE

Specialist Course

MAJOR(S)

EUN

ECTS CREDITS

4

TEACHING HOURS

20

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

80

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

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LANGUAGE(S)

EN, FR

COURSE OBJECTIVE

To acquire an ability to discuss the politics of religion within the ENP countries orally as well as in writing.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- To obtain critical insights into theories on religion and its societal, cultural, and political import in modern states.
- To understand the main links between religion and nationalism in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood, their historical, religious, and political dimensions.
- To be able to analyze the main foreign influences on religious life and religious politics in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood.
- To gain a critical understanding about key ideas and organizations belonging to the Islamist movement in the nine Muslim-majority members of the European Neighbourhood Policy, namely Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, and Syria.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

None.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Seminars, discussion on topics, case studies, and student presentations.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

1. One oral presentation (30%), to choose from for Part I or Part II. Each presentation will last 15 minutes (Part I presentation will be in French and Part II in English). The student will provide an outline of the presentation and some bibliographical references (2 pages). The topics are normally pre-defined by the professor, and the selection of topics will be done in advance.
2. A 3-hour closed book, in person, digital written exam (60%) covering the material from both parts of the course.

3. Active participation in class (10%).

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Retake examinations, i.e., exams passed in the second examination session, will have the same format as those taken during the first exam session. The only exception concerns oral exams, which are replaced in the second exam session by written exams. When a student takes an examination during the second session, the final mark for the course is based solely on the result of the retake examination. No other element of evaluation which would have been taken into consideration in the calculation of the final mark during the first examination session will be considered in the second session.

COURSE CONTENTS

- Séminaire 1 : Les grands enjeux religieux de la région
- Séminaire 2 : Indépendances politiques et renaissance d'Eglises nationales depuis 1991
- Séminaire 3 : Nationalisme et religion au Caucase du Sud
- Séminaire 4 : L'islam dans les pays est-européens voisins de l'UE
- Séminaire 5 : La diversification du paysage religieux et la gestion du pluralisme religieux dans les pays est européens voisins de l'UE
- Seminar 6: Algeria and Lebanon: Religion in and after Civil War
- Seminar 7: Palestine and Israel: Religious Politics in a Contested Space
- Seminar 8: Egypt and Tunisia: Diverse Islamist Experiences after the Arab Spring
- Seminar 9: Syria and Libya: The Spiralling Violence of Religious Claims
- Seminar 10: Morocco and Jordan: Religio-Politics in Conservative Monarchies

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

See course outline.