

## INR 4761: Religion and International Politics

Fall 2018 (Section 82976)

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### Course Description

"The Pope! How many divisions does he have?" – Joseph Stalin

"One person with a belief is a social power equal to ninety-nine who have only interests."

– John Stuart Mill

"God is the real superpower." – Osama bin Laden

This course analyzes how religious beliefs and institutions shape politics that cross borders. It draws upon an array of writings to examine major global phenomena like the religious roots of international order; religious challenges both to modern states and to recent globalization; and activism amongst global religious movements. In turn, the course concentrates on two major issues for scholars, policy-makers and citizens alike: 1) international religious extremism and violence and 2) religious influences on – and targets of – U.S. foreign policy. Examples of topics covered along the way include Evangelical activism and ideologies, religious terrorism and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

### Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will evaluate major issues regarding how religious beliefs and practices interact with international politics.
- In small groups, students will identify and share with the larger class multiple perspectives on controversial cases and issues.
- Students will analyze three major issue areas in the context of assigned and recommended readings with a series of response papers.
- Students will demonstrate communication skills through written assignments and class presentations.

### Topics

- The modern roots of our current relationship between religion and international politics.
- How religion is frequently applied to mobilize believers for political ends.
- The relationship between religion and conflict, especially war.
- How religious beliefs and traditions inform the formulation and practice of US foreign policy.

### Course Materials

- 1) Jeffrey Haynes (2013) *An Introduction to International Relations and Religion*. 2nd ed. Routledge. ISBN 978-1408277362
- 2) An assortment of readings in PDF format provided on eLearning, in the Content section under Course Materials.

### Recommended

- 3) Fox, Jonathan, ed. (2012) *Religion, Politics, Society, and the State* New York: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780199949236
- 4) Juergensmeyer, Mark and Margo Kitts, eds. (2011) *Princeton Readings in Religion and Violence* Princeton: Princeton University Press. ISBN: 9781400839940
- 5) Micklethwait, John and Adrian Wooldridge (2009) *God Is Back: How the Global Revival of Faith Is Changing the World* Penguin. ISBN: 9781594202131

### Course Requirements

The course requires participation worth a total of 25% and three papers worth 20%, 25% and 30%.

**Participation and Attendance** In-class contributions and discussion comprise an important portion of this course. We will engage in discussion, group work and individual assignments during class time, and you will be graded on materials you submit, your overall contributions to class and your attendance record. You may miss two class meetings with no penalty but will lose 3% from your final participation grade for each missed period after that. Absences due to illness, emergency or university-sponsored activities will be excused with proper documentation.

\*This course demands that you formulate and articulate both your analysis and opinions of sensitive topics. I demand respect for others as individuals as well as a good faith effort to understand and honor views and perspectives not Your own.

**Papers** Papers will be due as stated below on the course schedule. One week before the papers are due, you will receive a pair of questions/topics, and you will choose one for your paper. These assignments should be seen as a cross between a take-home exam and a short term paper: you will be dealing with an assigned topic from the course and using course materials, but you'll need to format your work and arguments as a position paper.

Details on paper assignments and the optional presentation appear on the final page of this syllabus.

**PAPER GRADING** I will consider how well you followed directions as well as focused tightly on your given topic; your mastery (i.e. correct understanding and general use) of the readings; your argument's clarity, consistency and accuracy; the paper's overall structure and logic; overall clarity and grammar. We will discuss the papers further as they arise.

If you are struggling with your paper or feel unsure about how to improve your work, feel free to contact me or the University Writing Lab: <http://uwf.edu/writelab/>.

\*You MUST turn in all three papers or you may receive a failing grade for the course. Plagiarism and/or academic dishonesty (see below) may also result in a failing grade for the assignment and the course.

**Letter Grades**

94% or better	A	87% to 89%	B+	77% to 79%	C+	67% to 69%	D+
90% to 93%	A-	83% to 86%	B	73% to 76%	C	60% to 66%	D
		80% to 82%	B-	70% to 72%	C-	59% or less	F

**Academic Conduct**

PLAGIARISM and ACADEMIC DISHONESTY involve adding others' words to your text as if they were your own and will not be tolerated. For University policies on plagiarism and other misconduct, see the Student Code of Conduct: <http://uwf.edu/osrr/documents/BOTApprovedStudentCodeofConduct-2010edition.pdf>.

**Assistance for Students with Special Needs**

If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that hinder your full participation, such as time-limited exams, inaccessible web content, or the use of non-captioned videos and podcasts, reasonable accommodations can be arranged. Prior to receiving accommodations, you must register with the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) at <http://uwf.edu/sdrc/internal/>, which requires documented needs of the individual. For information, e-mail [sdrc@uwf.edu](mailto:sdrc@uwf.edu) or call 850.474.2387.

**Your Major**

If you are interested in but not yet a major in **Political Science, Pre-Law, or International Studies** you should contact **The Department of Government at 474-2929**. If you are undecided about your major you should contact your academic advisor or the Career Center at 850-474-2254.

Course Schedule\*

BRING READINGS TO EACH CLASS MEETING

\*Readings not in assigned texts will appear in PDF form in eLearning > Course Materials>Content  
Some dates and assignments may be changed. I will announce these by email and in class.

<b><u>Week 1</u></b>	
Aug 27	<u>Introduction</u>
Aug 29	<u>Realism and Religion</u> - Haynes 14-23, ch 2
<b><u>Week 2</u></b>	<b>GLOBAL RELIGION and GLOBAL POLITICS</b>
Sep 3	NO CLASS: Labor Day
Sep 5	<u>Religion and Political Theology</u> - Haynes ch 2 - Hamid, " <a href="#">The Roots of the Islamic State's Appeal</a> "
<b><u>Week 3</u></b>	
Sep 10	- Bring to class: Jurgensmeyer and Kitts ch 1, 3, 4, 5, 6
Sep 12	<u>The Modern States System</u> - Haynes ch 3 - Berger, Peter (2013) "Can Judges Define the Structure of the Universe?"
<b><u>Week 4</u></b>	<u>Globalization</u>
Sep 17	- Haynes ch 10
Sep 19	- <b>M&amp;W, ch 12 [remove or scan and distribute?]</b>
<b><u>Week 5</u></b>	<u>Interaction Zones</u>
Sep 24	- Huntington, Samuel (1993) "The Clash of Civilizations?" <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 72(3): Summer. 22-40.
Sep 26	- Hamid, " <a href="#">Is Islam Exceptional?</a> "
<b><u>Week 6</u></b>	
Oct 1	<u>Analysis Session #1</u> You will be assigned one of the following: - Esposito and Mogahed (2007) "Clash or Coexistence?" - Formicola, Jo Renee (2012) "Globalization: A Twenty-First Century Challenge to Catholicism and its Church" - Hoffman and Jamal (2014) "Religion in the Arab Spring" - Juergensmeyer, Mark (1995) "The New Religious State" - Woodberry, Robert D. (2012) "The Missionary Roots of Liberal Democracy"
Oct 3	NO CLASS: work on papers
<b><u>Week 7</u></b>	<b>ACTIVISM and VIOLENCE</b>
Oct 8	<b><u>PAPER 1 DUE</u></b>
	<u>Mobilization</u>
Oct 10	- Haynes ch 5 - Finke, Roger and Jaime Dean Harris (2012) "Wars and Rumors of Wars: Explaining Religiously Motivated Violence"
<b><u>Week 8</u></b>	<u>Extremism</u>
Oct 15	- Almond, Gabriel (2006) "Fundamentalism: Genus and Species"
Oct 17	- Buruma, Ian (2006) <i>Murder In Amsterdam: Liberal Europe, Islam and the Limits of Tolerance</i> New York: Penguin. Selections

<b><u>Week 9</u></b>	<b><u>War and Terrorism</u></b>
Oct 22	- Haynes ch 8
Oct 24	- Austin, et al. (2004) "God and War: An Audit and An Exploration"
<b><u>Week 10</u></b>	<b><u>Conflict Mitigation</u></b>
Oct 29	- Haynes ch 11
Oct 31	<b><u>Israel-Palestine</u></b>
<b><u>Week 11</u></b>	<b><u>Analysis Session #2</u></b> You will be assigned one of the following:
Nov 5	- Banerjee, Vasabjit (2014) "The Religious Origins of Class Coalitions: Elite Participation in Religiously Motivated Peasant Rebellions in Mexico, Zimbabwe, and India"
	- Helbart, Sascha et al (2013) "Religionization of Politics in Sri Lanka, Thailand and Myanmar"
	- Karakaya, Suveyda (2015) "Religion and Conflict: Explaining the Puzzling Case of 'Islamic Violence'"
	- Palmer, Peter (2000) "The Churches and the Conflict in Former Yugoslavia"
	- Ugirashebuja, Octave (2004) "The Church and the Genocide in Rwanda"
Nov 7	NO CLASS: work on papers
<b><u>Week 12</u></b>	<b><u>GOD and COUNTRY</u></b>
Nov 12	<b><u>PAPER 2 DUE</u></b> NO CLASS – VETERANS DAY
Nov 14	<b><u>Foreign Policy</u></b> - Haynes ch 4
<b><u>Week 13</u></b>	<b><u>American Tradition</u></b>
Nov 19	- Haynes ch 9
Nov 21	- Frykholm, (2013) "Under Hillary Clinton, the State Department Pursued Greater Religious Engagement"
	- Green (2017) "Mike Pence Promises to Defend Christians in the Middle East"
<b><u>Week 14</u></b>	<b><u>Religious Interests, National Causes</u></b>
Nov 26	- Farr, Thomas (2008) <i>World of Faith and Freedom</i> ch 4; 10
Nov 28	- "The War Over Israel's Influence" (2006) <i>Foreign Policy</i> July/August: 56-66. (a series of articles in folder of same title)
<b><u>Week 15</u></b>	<b><u>Analysis Session #3</u></b> You will be assigned one of the following:
Dec 3	- Berggren and Rae (2006) "Jimmy Carter and George W. Bush: Faith, Foreign Policy, and an Evangelical Presidential Style"
	- Brown and Cheng (2011) "Religious Relations across the Taiwan Strait"
	- Esp CCGA (2010) "Engaging Religious Communities Abroad: A New Imperative for U.S. Foreign Policy" (Executive Summary; Ch III; Conclusion)
	- Esposito, John (2011) "The Future of Islam and the Taiwan Strait"
	- Huliaris, Asteris (2008) "The Evangelical Roots of US Africa Policy"
Dec 5	NO CLASS: work on papers
<b><u>Week 16</u></b>	
Dec 10	<b><u>PAPER 3 DUE</u></b>

### Paper Assignments

Overall: These will be a cross between a take-home exam and an academic essay. One week before these are due, you will receive an assigned question and we will spend one class period summarizing the current topic and evaluating related scholarly articles. You will use these sources and those already covered in the syllabus to write your paper.

Specifics for each paper will appear on the prompt that I circulate in class and post on eLearning.

REQUIREMENTS Cite as many sources as possible from the current topic area that appear on the syllabus; however, at least 3 should come from the most recent "Analysis Session." You may use outside sources, but they are not required. Papers will be no fewer than three full pages long with the following format: double-spaced, 12 point Times New Roman or 11 point Calibri, 1 inch margins.

Title and works cited pages do not count towards the page total. Quotations cannot exceed two typed lines. You may choose your citation style, but you must use that style consistently throughout.

An electronic copy is DUE before class starts one week after the questions are assigned. **Submit to eLearning**: locate and upload to the appropriate assignment course page. As a safety measure, you may email your text to me before it is due, but unless there is an emergency, I will only grade the version on eLearning.

LATE PAPERS lose 5 points a day.