

# Advanced Study Course: Global Religion

## About the course

subject	Global Studies / Internationale udviklingsstudier / International Public Administration and Politics / Politik / Politik og forvaltning
activitytype	master course
Teaching language	English
Registration	<p>You register for activities through <a href="#">stads selvbetjening</a> during the announced registration period, which you can see on the <a href="#">Study administration homepage</a>.</p> <p>When registering for courses, please be aware of the potential conflicts and overlaps between course and exam time and dates. The planning of course activities at Roskilde University is based on the recommended study programmes, which should not overlap. However, if you choose optional courses and/or study plans that goes beyond the recommended study programmes, an overlap of lectures or exam dates may occur depending on which courses you choose.</p>
Detailed description of content	<p>This course examines the growing of the religious factor in the wider globalization processes, with a specific view toward social and political mobilization, international relations, and cultural identities. Case studies will engage the role of specific (world) religions in various parts of the world, also as seen in relation to secular forces. The course will also examine and compare how religion can be considered a (sometimes hidden) "moving force" for long-term social and political processes, and in this sense a precondition (rather than an opposite) to secularization. Finally, the course will consider where, whether and how religion is increasingly becoming a cause of political conflict or whether comparative aspects of increasingly "global religions" (global Islam, global Catholicism, global Hinduism, etc.) might not also function as bridges for peaceful global relations.</p>
Expected work effort (ECTS-declaration)	<p>26 hours lectures 26 hours student presentations + peer feedback exercises 70 hours for course assignment Reading assigned texts = approximately 78 hours (on average 6 hours preparation per week) 70 hours Preparation of exam + Exam</p> <p>Total 270 hours</p>
Course material and Reading list	<p>Kublitz, A. (2016) "From Revolutionaries to Muslims: Liminal Becomings across Palestinian Generations in Denmark" <i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i>.</p> <p>Hansen, Thomas Blom (1999) <i>Saffron Wave: Democracy and Hindu Nationalism in Modern India</i>. Princeton University Press</p> <p>Roy, Olivier (1994). <i>The Failure of Political Islam</i>. Harvard University Press.</p> <p>Brouwer, Steve et. al. (2013). <i>Exporting the American Gospel: Global Christian Fundamentalism</i>. Routledge</p>
Evaluation- and feedback forms	<p>Students will evaluate the course during a mid-term and a final evaluation. This is to allow the students' input into the future design and delivery of the course. The students will receive feedback multiple times during group work</p>
Administration of exams	ISE Studyadministration ( <a href="mailto:ise-studyadministration@ruc.dk">ise-studyadministration@ruc.dk</a> )
Responsible for the activity	Bjørn Thomassen ( <a href="mailto:bthomas@ruc.dk">bthomas@ruc.dk</a> )
ECTS	10
Learning outcomes and assessment criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Specialised knowledge and understanding of a particular topic within one of the three pillars in Global Studies</li><li>● Advanced knowledge of academic and methodological debates related to the subject</li><li>● Skills in selecting and critically applying relevant theories and methods</li><li>● Skills in choosing relevant theories in order to investigate a problem area</li><li>● Skills in communicating and discussing theories and empirical results</li><li>● Competences in assuming responsibility for and reflecting on own learning and that of fellow students by actively participating in group work, presentations and discussions</li></ul>

- Competences in critically, independently and creatively selecting and utilising academic literature relevant to a specific research question

Overall content

The objective of the advanced study course is to provide the students with advanced knowledge and understanding within a specific research area covered by one of the three pillars in Global Studies: Global Politics, Global Sociology and Global Political Economy. At least two advanced study courses will be offered per semester. The courses offered will change every semester within the following subjects:

Global Politics:

- International public sector organisations and global governance
- Regionalisation and regional integration in international politics
- International security
- International law and human rights

Global Sociology:

- International Mobility and information flow
- International political movements and social change
- International civil society, law and defence
- Contentious identities and new global actors

Global Political Economy:

- Work and globalization
- Natural resources and geopolitics
- Trade, investment and global production networks
- International Financial Economics

Teaching and working methods

The courses are based on lectures, but will also include other teaching and working methods such as group work, exercises, student presentations, peer feedback and field trips or guest lectures as well as other practical activities.

Type of activity

Elective course

Form of examination (p1)

Individual written portfolio.

The portfolio consists of 2 written products, that wholly or partially are developed during the course. For example, products can be exercise responses, speech papers for presentations, written feedback, reflection, written assignments. The preparation of the products may be subject to time limits.

The character limit: maximum 28,800 characters, including spaces.

The character limits include the cover, table of contents, bibliography, figures and other illustrations, but exclude any appendices.

The portfolio's specific products and the (if relevant) recommended size (character limit) for the individual products are made public on [study.ruc.dk](http://study.ruc.dk) before the course begins.

The entire portfolio must be handed in at the same time.

The submission deadline will be public on [study.ruc.dk](http://study.ruc.dk) before the course begins.

The assessment is individual and based on the entire portfolio.

Assessment: 7-point grading scale.

Form of Re-examination (p1)

Samme som ordinær eksamen

Exam code(s)

Exam code(s) : U41300

Course days:

Hold: 1

## Global Religion (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 13-09-2021 08:15 til  
13-09-2021 10:00

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Bjørn Thomassen ( bthomas@ruc.dk )

## Global Religion (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 20-09-2021 08:15 til  
20-09-2021 10:00

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

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## Global Religion (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 27-09-2021 08:15 til  
27-09-2021 10:00

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Bjørn Thomassen ( bthomas@ruc.dk )

## Global Religion (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 04-10-2021 08:15 til  
04-10-2021 10:00

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Bjørn Thomassen ( bthomas@ruc.dk )

## Global Religion (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 11-10-2021 08:15 til  
11-10-2021 10:00

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Bjørn Thomassen ( bthomas@ruc.dk )

## Global Religion (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 18-10-2021 08:15 til  
18-10-2021 10:00

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location 05.1-032 - teorirum 05.1 (65)

Teacher Bjørn Thomassen ( bthomas@ruc.dk )

## Global Religion (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 25-10-2021 08:15 til  
25-10-2021 10:00

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Bjørn Thomassen ( bthomas@ruc.dk )

## Global Religion (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 01-11-2021 08:15 til  
01-11-2021 10:00

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Bjørn Thomassen ( bthomas@ruc.dk )

## Global Religion (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 08-11-2021 08:15 til  
08-11-2021 10:00

location 05.2-032 - teorirum (65)

Teacher Bjørn Thomassen ( bthomas@ruc.dk )

## Global Religion (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 15-11-2021 08:15 til  
15-11-2021 10:00

location 07.1-008 - undervisningslokale (60)

Teacher Bjørn Thomassen ( bthomas@ruc.dk )

## Global Religion (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 29-11-2021 08:15 til  
29-11-2021 10:00

location 07.1-008 - undervisningslokale (60)

Teacher Bjørn Thomassen ( bthomas@ruc.dk )

## Global Religion (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 06-12-2021 08:15 til  
06-12-2021 10:00

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location 05.1-032 - teorirum 05.1 (65)

Teacher Bjørn Thomassen ( bthomas@ruc.dk )

## Global Religion (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time	13-12-2021 08:15 til 13-12-2021 10:00
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location	05.1-032 - teorirum 05.1 (65)
Teacher	Bjørn Thomassen ( bthomas@ruc.dk )

## Global Religion - Hand-in, exam (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time	14-01-2022 10:00 til 14-01-2022 10:00
forberedelsesnorm	ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP	ikke valgt

## Global Religion - Hand-in, reexam (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time	28-02-2022 10:00 til 28-02-2022 10:00
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