Religion, the State and Governance in the 21st Century

University of Denver Religion in International Relations Curriculum Project

Curriculum Modules

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The following curriculum material is intended to provide a broad overview of the issues concerning the interaction of religion, states and governance in contemporary politics. The material is divided, broadly, between a set of theoretical modules and a series of case studies. There are numerous case studies, drawn from a variety of regions and traditions. The intention is to allow individual instructors to identify the cases of interest to them, and to pull material from the various modules as they deem appropriate. At the end of this document is additional material for further research and syllabi development.

1. Theory
   a. Modernization Theory and Secularization Thesis
      iv. Linnell Cady and Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, eds., Comparative Secularisms in a Global Age (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010)
   b. The Resurgence of Religious Politics: Theory and Debates
      vi. Daniel Philpott, "Explaining the Political Ambivalence of Religion," The American Political Science Review(August, 2007)

Additional Material

c. Religion, Tolerance and Democracy


d. Secularism and its Critics


Additional Material


2. Case Studies

a. Israel


v. Clive Jones, "Ideo-Theology and the Jewish State: From Conflict to Conciliation," *British Journal of Middle East Studies*, May 1999


vii. Ian Lustick, For the Land and the Lord: Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel (Council on Foreign Relations, 1988)

Additional Material

7. 60 Minutes: Religious vs. Secular State in Israel

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQqOxprjEHQ&feature=related (Part 1)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJPRT069D9w&feature=related (Part 2)

8. Frontline Documentary: Israel's Next War?

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/israel

9. Religion and State in Israel Blog:

http://religionandstateinisrael.blogspot.com/

10. The Israel Democracy Institute resource material on Religion, Nation and State:

http://www.idi.org.il/sites/english/ResearchAndPrograms/Religion%20and...

b. Saudi Arabia


**Additional Material:**


**Turkey**


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7. Ataturk and Turkish Secularism [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rN1a9Px25-A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rN1a9Px25-A) (Part 1)
[http://www.youtube.com/user/AlJazeeraEnglish#p/search/19/93dg9UQ7qRg](http://www.youtube.com/user/AlJazeeraEnglish#p/search/19/93dg9UQ7qRg) (Part 2)


9. 2008 Riz Khan Roundtable on Turkey and Islam: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_QErCLMs2E&feature=channel](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_QErCLMs2E&feature=channel)


**Egypt**


vi. Minority rights and the limits of free expression

*Additional Material:*

10. PBS Story on Religion and Sectarianism:

*e. France*


5. Al Jazeera: Religion and Secularism in France:
   - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUQOABA1DLg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUQOABA1DLg) (Part 1)
   - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZTUls45YUOg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZTUls45YUOg) (Part 2)

6. PBS NewsHour Report on French Headscarf Ban
   - [http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/jan-june04/scarves_3-08.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/jan-june04/scarves_3-08.html)

7. NPR Report on Separation of Church and State in France

*f. The United States*

. Religion and American Politics

Additional Material:


**Indira.** The State and Religion

2. Sunil Sahu, "Religion and Politics in India," in Jelen and Wilcox, eds., *Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective* (Chapter 11)

**Indian Secularism**


Additional Material:


**Pakistan**


i. Iran

v. Daniel Brumberg, Reinventing Khomeini: The Struggle for Reform in Iran (University of Chicago Press, 2001)


Additional Material:

1. Three Different Views of the 30 Years of Islamic Republic in Iran
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQ8V9_3TdTE
3. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNo9ZKcZKTY&feature=related

3. Additional Case Studies

a. China

. Yoshiko Ashiya and David Wank, eds., Making Religion, Making the State: The Politics of Religion in Modern China (Stanford University Press)

i. Human Rights Watch, China: State Control of Religion (HRW 1997)
ii. NPR: Rising Tide of Christianity in China

b. Sri Lanka:


i. David Little, Sri Lanka: The Invention of Enmity (USIP Press, 1993)

c. Former Yugoslavia

. David Little and Donald Swearer, eds., Religion and Nationalism in Iraq: A Comparative Perspective (Harvard Center or the Study of World Religions, 2006).
Further Reading and Resources

Books

5. Ted Jelen and Clyde Wilcox, Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective: The One, the Few and the Many (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002)
15. William Connelly, Why I am not a Secularist (Minnesota University Press, 2000)

Articles/Reports/Chapters


- Jonathan Fox, "World Separation of Religion and State Into the 21st Century," Comparative Political Studies (Sage, 2006)

Other

- Social Science Research Council's program on Religion and the Public Sphere [http://www.ssrc.org/programs/the-immanent-frame-blog/](http://www.ssrc.org/programs/the-immanent-frame-blog/)
- Syllabi on Religion and Politics [http://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/syllabi](http://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/syllabi)
- Other Material from Georgetown's Berkley Center [http://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/resources](http://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/resources)