



PO/RL 375 Religion and Multiculturalism
IES Abroad Nice

DESCRIPTION:

Cultural and religious diversity has become a key challenge for societies and policy makers in Europe. In our modern world of globalization and international migration traditionally homogeneous European societies are facing the blurring of established spheres of cultural identities. Governments attempt to address these shifts through a variety of policy responses. However, growing skepticism about multiculturalism as the answer to Europe's social problems has led some mainstream politicians to publicly denounce its dangers.

Despite predictions about the secularization of modern societies, religion has remained a stubborn presence in the social landscape. How does religious diversity play within the multicultural discourse? How to reconcile freedom of religion, which often translates into specific community practices, with historical values of European liberal societies? What is the place of religious symbols in the public sphere? What is the response of national governments to the demands of religious minorities, often immigrant populations? What are the socio-political implications of multiculturalism with regards to religion? These are some of the questions this course intends to explore. A variety of theoretical approaches, empirical findings and a selection of case-studies will be considered.

CREDITS: 3

CONTACT HOURS: 45

PREREQUISITES: There are no particular requirements to attend this course.

METHOD OF PRESENTATION:

- Lectures: The instructor will introduce each class with lectures to provide students with theoretical references and empirical data.
- Classroom discussion: Part of each class will consist of discussion of key themes. Students will be provided with the texts to read for each class on Moodle. This will form the basis of the class discussions. Additional weekly readings may be suggested by the instructor in relation to current events.
- Field studies: There will be a course-related field trip to the city of Marseille, a symbolic example of cultural and religious pluralism. Local field excursions will incorporate visits to various houses of worship in Nice, including a synagogue and the Russian Orthodox Church. The preparation for field trips will include lectures in class and texts on Moodle.
- Film viewing: The course will include screening of film extracts or entire movies. Students will be provided with background about the films and a list of questions to consider when they view them.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: English

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Critically understand the heterogeneity of European societies
2. Analyze major current debates over cultural pluralism in Europe
3. Evaluate the complexity of issues engendered by the presence of different religions in secular European societies
4. Compare various political approaches of national governments in dealing with identity, equality and cohesion of societies
5. Interpret socio-economic tensions directly or indirectly descending from religious diversity in film, literature and media reports.

REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT:

- Class participation (**10%**): Students are expected to come to class prepared after completing the assigned readings and participate in field trips. Write a short report on each of the field trips max 500 words.
- Class assignments (**15%**): Students are expected to take part in seminar-style discussion with consistent, constructive, relevant contributions. A 1-2 pages summary of the main points of the week's readings (with some exceptions that will be specified by the instructor) is to be prepared for each class.
- Essay (**30%**): An essay will be assigned worth 30% (20+10 points). The essay will be approximately 10-12 pages (20 points).

A list of subjects – under the form of case-studies to be analyzed through theoretical and empirical frameworks provided by the course, or questions relying different topics discussed in class – will be provided. Students can propose their own themes, as long as they are relevant and pertinent case-studies. A short version of the essay is to be presented in class (10 points). Due the last day of class.

- Midterm exam (20%)
- Final exam (25%)

Midterm and final examinations will use different formats to assess student's progress towards the learning outcomes in the first half and at the end of the course. The question formats will include quizzes, essay questions and short answer questions.

CONTENT:

Week	Content	Reading Assignment
1	Introduction. Course organization, topics, literature, requirements Putting the subject into context: general overview on XXI century multicultural Europe	
2	Diversity in Europe: Minorities and Migrations Europe's changing population – Cultural diversity	• Toguslu E., Leman J., Mesut Sezgin I. (2014) New Multicultural Identities in Europe, pp.14-23; 73-90 • Triandafyllidou A., (2012) Handbook on Tolerance and cultural diversity in Europe, EUI, http://cadmus.eui.eu/handle/1814/20975, pp.11-14
3	Defining key-terms: . Pluralism . Religious Pluralism . Multiculturalism Descriptive and Normative meaning.	• Castle S., de Haas H., Miller M.J. (2014) The Age of Migrations, pp.102-125 • Murphy M. (2013) Multiculturalism: a critical introduction, Routledge, pp.1-11 • Triandafyllidou A., Madood T., Meer N. (2012), European Multiculturalism, pp.1-17
4	Religion and culture. Diversity challenges in today's Europe. Coexistence and the art of balancing cultures. Film screening: <i>Bend it Like Beckham</i>, by Gurinder Chadha, (2002) Redbus Film Distribution	• Williams R. H. (2015), Religion and Multiculturalism: A Web of Legal, Institutional, and Cultural Connections, The sociological quarterly, vol 56 issue 4, pp.607-622 • Malik K. (2015) The failure of multiculturalism, Foreign Affairs https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/western-europe/failure-multiculturalism • A.Kilp and A.Saumets (2011) Religion and Politics in Multicultural Europe http://www.ksk.edu.ee/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/KVUOA_Toimetised_12-Kilp-Saumets.pdf

5	Religion and Politics. The governance of religious diversity. Freedom of religion and freedom from religion in secular European societies Responses to pluralism: Integration, Assimilation and the Intercultural approach	- Miera F. (2012) Not a One-way Road? Integration as a Concept and as a Policy, in Triandafyllidou et al. European Multiculturalisms: Cultural, Religious and Ethnic Challenges pp.192-212 - Klausen J., (2010). "Europe's Uneasy Marriage of Secularization and Christianity Since the 1960s and the Challenge of Contemporary Religious Pluralism." <u>Religion and the Political Imagination</u>. Ed. Ira Katznelson and Gareth Stedman Jones. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, 2010, pp. 314-335.
6	Continued. Film screening: <i>Of Gods and Men, Why Not</i> Productions by Xavier Beauvois (2010)	- Triandafyllidou A., (2012) Handbook on Tolerance and cultural diversity in Europe, EUI, http://cadmus.eui.eu/handle/1814/20975, pp.21-25 - Triandafyllidou A., Madood T., Meer N. (2012), European Multiculturalism, pp.61-87 - Saiz Arnaiz A. et al (2013) Religious practice and Observance in the EU Member States EP Study – European Parliament DG for internal Policies http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/etudes/join/2013/474399/IPOL-LIBE_ET(2013)474399_EN.pdf
7	Finding the “right” balance. Conflicting individual and collective rights: freedom of religion, freedom of expression, equality of treatment, discrimination, security, public order.	- Modood T. (2015) Multiculturalism and Moderate Secularism, http://cadmus.eui.eu/handle/1814/36484 - McCrudden C. (2011) <i>Multiculturalism, freedom of religion, equality, and the British constitution: The JFS case considered</i>, <i>International Journal of Constitutional Law</i>, Volume 9, Issue 1, 1 January 2011, pp. 200–229 https://doi.org/10.1093/icon/mor022
8	Midterm Exam	

9	Freedom of religion and religious symbols in the public sphere Case study: Italy. The crucifix in public schools: religious or cultural symbol?	• Mancini, S. and Rosenfeld M. (2010) Unveiling the Limits of Tolerance: Comparing the Treatment of Majority and Minority Religious Symbols in the Public Sphere, Cardozo Legal Studies Research Paper No. 309. http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.1684382 • McGoldrick D. (2011) Religion in the European Public Square and in European Public Life Crucifixes in the Classroom? Human Rights Law Review 11:3, Oxford University Press. • Astengo F. (2013) , Freedom of religion crucified? Secularism and Italian Schools before the European Court of Human Rights, Politique européenne, 41/2014, pp.12-39 https://www.cairn.info/revue-politique-europeenne-2013-3-p-12.htm
10	Freedom of religion and religious symbols in the public sphere Case study: France. From headscarves to burkinis. The question of “conspicuous” religious symbols in public schools.	• The Economist (2016), Ill-suited https://www.economist.com/news/europe • Weil P. (2004) Headscarf versus Burqa: Two French Bans with Different Meanings," in <i>Constitutional Secularism in an Age of Religious Revival</i>, Susanna Mancini and Michel Rosenfeld ed., Oxford University Press, pp.196-215; • Hunter Henin M. (2012), Why the French don't like the Burqa: laïcité, National Identity and Religious freedom, International and Comparative Law Quarterly, vol 61 Issue 3, pp. 613-639 • Mancini S. (2012), Patriarchy as the Exclusive Domain of the Other: The Veil Controversy, False Projection and Cultural Racism. International Journal of Constitutional Law pp.411-428
11	Film screening: <i>Clash of Civilization over and Elevator in Piazza Vittorio</i>, by Isotta Toso (2010), Emme Cinema&TV, RAI Cinema	• Report MED 2016 • http://rome-med.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/report-MED-2016.pdf pp.21-25, 84-88 • Birnbaum P. (2009) 'On the Secularization of the Public Square: Jews in France and in the United States', 30 Cardozo Law Review pp. 2431–2443 • http://cardozolawreview.com/joomla1.5/content/30-6/BIRNBAUM.30-6.pdf • Fokas E. (2011), Islam in Europe: the unexceptional case, • <i>Nordic Journal of Religion and Society</i> 24 (1): 1–17 • http://tapir.pdc.no/pdf/NJRS/2011/2011-01-1.pdf

12	Religion in the European Union. The ECHR and the European Charter of Fundamental Rights Recent case law of the ECHR on Religious symbols and clothing	- European Court of Human Rights (2017) Religious symbols and clothing, Fact sheet http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/FS_Religious_Symbols_ENG.pdf - ECHR (2013), Overview of the Court's case-law on freedom of religion https://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Research_report_religion_ENG.pdf
13	The crisis of "national identity" in European societies - Social tensions and accommodation - Racism, antisemitism and islamophobia European Youth radicalization, from conversion to terrorism	- Beton, M., Nielsen A. (2013) Integrating Europe's Muslim Minorities: Public Anxieties, Policy Responses, Migration Policy Institute, http://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/integrating-europes-muslim-minorities-public-anxieties-policy-responses - Harry F. (2014) Discourses on Religion and Identity in Norway: Right-Wing radicalism and Anti-Immigration Parties, Toguslu E., Leman J., Mesut Sezgin I. New Multicultural Identities in Europe pp.161-168 - Parekh B. (2006) Is Islam a Threat to Europe's Multicultural Democracies? http://books.openedition.org - Geisser V. (2010) <i>Islamophobia: a French Specificity in Europe?</i> pp.39-46 http://scholarworks.umb.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1381&context=humanarchitecture
14	Continued. Wrap-up and evaluation	- Klausen J., (2009), "Muslims Representing Muslims in Europe: Parties and Associations After 9/11." <i>Muslims in Western Politics</i>. 1st ed. Ed. Abdulkader H. Sinno. Bloomington: University of Indiana Press, pp. 166-193. - Minkenberg M. (2017) Between Christian and multicultural democracy: religious legacies and minority politics https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/NTY3w3qwI8xKWZ6wPNrH/full
15	Final exam	

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