

This course will give a comparative introduction into the “world” religions, i.e. those which influenced the cultural, social and/or political life at least in a particular period not only within the area of their origin, but also beyond its borders. It will focus on the religions emerged in China (Taoism, Confucianism), India (Hinduism, Buddhism) and Near East (Judaism, Christianity, Islam).  
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### Requirements

- **Final exam – written test**, 5 open questions based on lectures
- **Seminar task: synopsis** (cca 3 pgs) of any 100 pgs per choice from Eliade, Mircea, *History of Religious Ideas*, I-III, University of Chicago Press, 2014.
  - or, from any other book by Eliade

The synopsis will be submitted in printed form together with the written test.

### Recommended sources

- Eliade, M. (2014). *A history of religious ideas*. Vols. I-III. The University of Chicago Press.
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- Juergensmeyer, M. (Ed.). (2011). *The Oxford handbook of global religions*. Oxford University Press.
- Haynes, J. (Ed.). (2022). *The Routledge handbook of religion, politics and ideology*. New York: Routledge.
- Starkey, C., & Tomalin, E. (Eds.). (2022). *The Routledge handbook of religion, gender and society*. London: Routledge.
- Feuchtwang, S. (Ed.). (2020). *Handbook on Religion in China*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Triandafyllidou, A., & Magazzini, T. (Eds.). (2021). *Routledge handbook on the governance of religious diversity*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Cornelio, J. S., Gauthier, F., Martikainen, T., & Woodhead, L. (Eds.). (2021). *Routledge international handbook of religion in global society*. London and New York: Routledge.
- World Values Survey. <https://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/wvs.jsp>
- Pew Research Center. <https://www.pewresearch.org/topic/religion/>