

Religion in the Process of Modernization			
Course Number	00LE62S-LAS-IN0012	Semester - Dates	WS 15/16 - Block II
Study Area(s)	Culture and History, Governance, Elective	Course Format	Seminar
Module(s)	C&H Since the Early Modern Period, Advanced C&H I or II, Advanced Governance I or II	Credit Points	3 ECTS (SL) + 3 ECTS (PL)
Open to Students	Year(s) 2, 3, 4	Max. Enrollment	20
Prerequisites	Introductory Module: Thought and Research in the Areas of Culture and History		
Instructor(s)	Dr. Gernot Saalman		
Times and Rooms	Seminar Mo, 16-18, BT 205 Tue, 16-18, BT 105 Thu, 16-18, HS 1034		
Course Description	<p>Religion in the Process of Modernization: Secularization, Fundamentalism and Politics. A Comparison Between Europe and India</p> <p>Thinking about the relation between modernization and secularization, quite often a mere correlation has been mistakenly seen and stated as a causality. Thus, secularity seemed to be a necessary result of modernization processes. For these misguided views the recent revival of religious discourse came as a surprise and can hardly be explained.</p> <p>The idea of a secular state has been propagated because of historical experiences that are specific for Europe. This was also reason for the development of secularism as an ideology working against religion. Nevertheless, even in Europe a variety of arrangements between state and religion came up and this is the more so in other regions of the world. There is no European model to be taken up everywhere. In every single case and constellation another kind of relation between religion, state and society has to be found. A comparison of India and Europe can shed light on this.</p> <p>The course will look at connections between the process of modernization, the idea of a secular state and society, fundamentalist versions of religion, and political ideologies.</p>		
Remarks			