

Religion and Politics			
Course Number	00LE62S-LAS-GO0021	Semester - Dates	SS 2015/16 - Block III
Study Area(s)	Governance, Electives	Credit Points	3 ECTS (SL) + 3 ECTS (PL)
Module(s) (StuPo 2012)	Advanced Governance I, II, III Specialization Option: Politics, Law, and Administration Qualitative and Quantitative Methods Elective	Module(s) (StuPo 2015)	Advanced Governance I, II, III Specialization Option Governance I, II Qualitative and Quantitative Methods Elective
Open to Students	Year(s) 3,4	Max. Enrollment	15
Prerequisites	Introduction to Governance, Comparative Government (highly recommended)		
Instructor(s)	Dr. Elina Schleutker (elina.schleutker@ucf.uni-freiburg.de)		
Times and Rooms	Seminar Tue, 12-14h, R 00 006 (Wilhelmstr. 26) Wed, 10-14h, KG 1023 Fri, 27.05., 9-17h, room tba Fri, 10.06., 9-17h, room tba		
Course Description	<p>In this course we learn about the relationship between religion and politics from comparative political science perspective. At first we discuss the most important theories (secularization, economics of religion, clash of civilizations) to understand the relationship between politics and religion. Further, we employ basic quantitative methods (with help of Excel and PSPP) to study the regulation of religion and its determinants in the world. In particular, we discuss the regulation of religion in authoritarian countries, and study the relationship between regulation of religion and repression, co-optation and legitimation. We also learn to understand how the historical levels of regulation of religion influence the accommodation of minority religious practices through the example of accommodation of Islamic religious practices in Europe. Concerning the upcoming elections in the USA we discuss religion and politics in the USA with a special emphasis to voting patterns and political rhetoric. Finally, we discuss religion and terrorism.</p> <p>The purpose of the course is to learn-by-doing, and during the double-meetings on Wednesdays as well as during the block meetings we will work with datasets, analyze political speeches, and apply theories to practical cases.</p> <p>The schedule is adapted to the BA-thesis time-table. Between 12.4.-26.4. the course meets only once a week on Tuesdays, and there is no teaching in the week prior to the thesis-deadline (week 18). To compensate for the low number of meetings in the beginning of the block, two six-hour long meetings will take place on 27.5. (religion and politics in the USA) and 10.6. (religion and terrorism). The mode of assessment depends on the module, and will be discussed in the first meeting.</p>		
Remarks	This is an advanced course. Students from other Majors need to approach the instructor before registering for this course.		