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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

KRMD29, Church and Mission Studies: Christianity and Nationalism, 7.5 credits

*Kyrko- och missionsstudier: Kristendom och nationalism, 7,5
högskolepoäng*
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2022-03-10 to be valid from 2022-10-10, spring semester 2023.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

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Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- give an account of the most established definitions of nationalism
- give an account of different forms of nationalism
- identify the most important theories about the relation between Christianity and the origins of nationalism
- identify and give an account of different forms of current relations between Christianity and nationalism in different parts of the world

Competence and skills

- analyse how different theological and ecclesiastical traditions as well as political ideologies and systems influence the relation between different forms of Christianity and nationalism
- sketch different possible development scenarios regarding the relation between Christianity and nationalism in different contexts
- analyse how nationalistic ideologies influence Christian theology and practice

Judgement and approach

- critically evaluate different nationalistic and theological statements and ideological positions in relation to scientific theories and a broad global view of different forms of Christianity and nationalism
- critically discuss and evaluate the political and theological positions of different Christian groups and churches vis-à-vis nationalism
- critically discuss and evaluate the rhetoric of different political parties about the place of Christianity in national identities

Course content

The course covers the most central theories about the origins of nationalism and the different ways churches relate to the nation state and nationalistic movements, identities and ideologies in history and the present day from a global perspective. The course also includes the analysis of how theology, ecclesiastical rituals, ecclesiastical affiliation and national identity link together. The student also has the opportunity to specialise in the relation between Christianity and nationalism in a country during a certain period.

Course design

Teaching is conducted remotely in the form of lectures and different interactive working methods. Each student has a compulsory oral presentation on one of the themes addressed in the written assignments. If the student is not able to give the oral presentation, it is compensated with a written report.

Assessment

The assessment is based on three written assignments.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

To achieve the grade of Pass for the course, the grade of Pass is required on the three written assignments and that the student has completed all mandatory stages of the course. To achieve the grade of Pass with distinction for the course, in addition the grade of Pass with distinction is required on at least two of the written assignments.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have 30 credits in a subject of their choice.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies at Lund University.
2. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details, see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.
3. The course replaces KRMD28 Church and Mission Studies: Christianity and Nationalism

Subcourses in KRMD29, Church and Mission Studies: Christianity and Nationalism

Applies from V23

2301 Christianity and Nationalism, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction