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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

TLVC16, Studies in Faith and World Views: Populism and Christian Theology, 7.5 credits

*Tros- och livsåskådningsvetenskap: Populism och kristen teologi, 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 2020-03-24 and was last revised on 2021-03-12. The revised syllabus applies from 2021-03-12, autumn semester 2021.

General Information

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

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

Main field of studies

Religious Studies and Theology with
specialization in Studies in Faiths and
World Views

*Depth of study relative to the degree
requirements*

G2F, First cycle, has at least 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

- account for the most established definitions of political populism
- account for different forms of political populism
- account for established theories about the link between different forms of political populism and religion, in particular Christianity in Europe
- identify features of Christian theology that are relevant for the analysis of links between different forms of political populism and Christianity

- relate the study of Christian theology and populism to research in this field at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies or by collaboration partners in Bari, Paris or Fribourg current semester

Competence and skills

- problematise the concept of political populism
- analyse and critically approach established theories about the link between different forms of political populism and Christianity in Europe
- discuss how some examples of Christian theology in modern history and in the present relate to populist political movements

Judgement and approach

- critically approach different statements about the link between different populist political movements and religion in general as well as with regard to present day Europe in particular
- critically approach different theological movements in relation to politics
- critically approach both theologically and politically positively loaded signal words.

Course content

How can the political populist movements be understood? Many populist movements in European politics gain traction from the use of a religion. But in which way? And, in this case, what is the relation to Christian theology? The course covers theories of political populism, how it can be described, different definitions and different variants. The course builds on an understanding that the analysis of religion and the role of the religion, in this case in relation to populism, to a certain extent forces philosophical and theological choices and, therefore, great emphasis is placed on the study of features of Christian theology that are relevant for the analysis of links between different forms of political populism and Christianity. A historical perspective is therefore important. Within the framework of the course, research about Christian theology and populism at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies or by collaboration partners in Bari, Paris or Fribourg is presented current semester.

Course design

The course is offered as a distance learning course and makes use of an online learning platform and/or digital tools. Students are required to participate under these conditions, and to have access to a computer with an Internet connection. The department will provide information about the technical requirements.

The course starts with a compulsory all-day seminar and concludes with a compulsory all-day seminar. Otherwise, teaching consists of continuous activity on the course platform and recorded lectures gradually made available during the course. The lectures use the required reading as a starting point and are thematically focused on specific issues.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a final written assignment.

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 receive the grade of Pass on the course, students must have attended both the all-day seminars and have been awarded the grade of Pass on the final written assignment. To receive the grade of Pass with Distinction on the course, students must also have been awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction on the final written assignment.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have 60 credits in any discipline.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, 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.

Subcourses in TLVC16, Studies in Faith and World Views: Populism and Christian Theology

Applies from H21

2101 Populism and Christian Theology, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

Applies from H20

2001 Populism and Christian Theology, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction