



## Student for a Day Religious Studies

Wednesday 9 December 2020

11:45	Walk in	hall
12:00	Welcome by dean prof. dr. Mladen Popović	court room
12:15	<b>Ethics and the Secular</b> – prof. dr. Todd Weir	court room
13:00	Break	hall
13:15	<b>Anthropology of Religion</b> – dr. Peter Berger (+ preparatory assignment)	court room
14:00	Activity	
14:30	<b>Psychology and Sociology of Religion</b> – dr. Julia Martínez-Ariño	court room
15:15	Moment for questions about the BA programme	court room
15.30	Matching	room 28/30

### Lecture abstracts

#### **Ethics and the Secular** - prof. dr. Todd Weir

One of the main arguments for teaching religion in schools is that without religion children will not learn right from wrong, they will lack an ethical orientation. Is this true? Can one found a firm moral code in a purely secular society? Or does belief in God offer the only sure way to oppose actions justified by the motto: might makes right? In this lecture, we will consider various answers to these questions from modern European history. Be prepared to discuss.

#### **Antropology of Religion** - dr. Peter Berger

##### *The anthropological study of religions in India*

You are a foreigner, almost everywhere. This insight should not be threatening, far from it. From the anthropological perspective this situation offers innumerable possibilities to learn about other cultures and religions, and about yourself. In this brief session dr. Peter Berger will discuss what anthropologists do and how they come to know what they know. This will be done in relation to India. Religions like Hinduism challenge many things we have learned to think of as "common sense", for example that human beings are equal "by nature" or that success in the world is what we all should aim for.

#### **Psychology and Sociology of Religion** - dr. Julia Martínez-Ariño

##### *Gods that create humans or humans that create gods? Studying religion from a social scientific perspective*

This lecture will provide a general introduction to the study of religion from a social scientific perspective. Drawing on the question of the title, the lecturer will offer some insights into the questions that sociologists and psychologists ask when they study religion. The session will also introduce students to one of the key concepts in the social scientific study of religion, namely that of "lived religion". Drawing on empirical examples from research, this class will show that religion, in its multiple expressions, is a complex and changing phenomenon that requires a multidisciplinary approach.

### Where?

Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies  
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### When?

Wednesday 9 december 2020  
12 till 4pm

### Why?

To find out whether studying Religious Studies suits you.

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