

Course title: Religion and Politics			
Professor: Marko Veković			
Number of ECTS: 6			
Objectives The aim of the course is to provide the basic knowledge about the most important world religions; to present the foundations of their systems, show their distribution on the globe and the manner of religious re-composition of the world as a consequence of migrations. Furthermore, the course is aimed at presenting the basics of the views of these religions about politics, with analyses of the most important political categories as perceived by the respective religions			
Outcomes The outcome of the course should be the knowledge about religions and religious political theories. Since religion has always been indivisible from politics, which is particularly obvious today in cases of all major religions, graduate political scientists should be trained to understand the manner in which the religion under concrete circumstances of Serbian society influences the creation of political attitudes and the political life. In addition, also the manner in which the religion influences international political developments, situations of war and peace, globalization, human rights etc.			
Topics (content) 1. Introduction; 2. Judaism; 3. Christianity: Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Protestantism; 4. Islam; 5. Hinduism; Buddhism; Shinto; Confucianism; 6. General relation between religion and politics; 7. Religion and state; 8. Religion, ethnic group and nation; 9. Religious understanding of violence and non-violence, war and peace; 10. Religion and political tolerance; 11. Religion and political integration; 12. Religion and political organizing; 13. Political crisis in the second half of the 20 th century and renewal of the influence of religion on political life; 14. General conditions for renewal of religiousness; Social and economic crisis, crisis of values, destruction of the Marxist view of the world; revitalization of traditional religions; Emergence of new religious movements: New Age, Scientology, Mun's church, Satanism; Relation of modern state towards new religious movements; Influence of religion on behavior of big powers, e.g. the USA; Position of religion in political life of post-communist societies Practice: seminars, other forms of teaching, study research work			
Reading list - Miroljub Jevtic, <i>Religion and Power, Essays on Politology of Religion</i>, Diocese of RAS-Prizren and Kosovo and Metohija, Center for Study of Religion and Religious Tolerance, Belgrade, 2008. - Miroljub Jevtic, "Political Science and Religion", <i>Politics and Religion Journal</i>, Vol. 1, No. 1, 2007, pp. 60-69. - Miroljub Jevtic, "Theoretical Relations Between Politics and Religion", <i>Sociološka revija</i>, Vol. 9/10, 2010, pp. 199-211. - Miroljub Jevtic, "Position of President and religion within political system of USA", <i>Politics and Religion Journal</i>, Vol. 1, No. 2, 2007, pp. 39-60. - Martin Palmer, <i>World religions</i>, Times Book, London, 2004. - Jonathan Fox, <i>An Introduction to Religion and Politics</i>, Routledge, New York, 2013. - Jeff Haynes, <i>Religion in Global Politics</i>, Longman, London, 1998. Additional readings: - The Holy Bible, Qur'an, Bhagavad-Gita - <i>Politics and Religion Journal</i> (Center for the Study of Religion and Religious Tolerance, Belgrade, published since 2007) - <i>Politology of Religion – Collection of Essays</i>, prepared for undergrad students by Miroljub Jevtic and Marko Vekovic, Belgrade, 2014.			
Teaching methods Lectures, practical classes			
Assessment (100 points maximum)			
Pre-examination commitments	points	Final exam	points
Lectures participation	6	Oral examination	50
Practical classes	24		
Test	20		