

Themes in Religious Change in Late Modern Societies

Collaborative PhD course in sociology of religion between University of Uppsala and University of Agder.

7-9 November 2011, Uppsala, Sweden.

Participation in the course generates 5 ECTS points.

Examination is conducted through submission of an individual written assignment referring to the literature presented below, and active participation through presentation and discussion of the assignment, as well as at lectures given during the course.

The *assignment* focuses on the theme “Researching religious change in late modern societies: theoretical choices and methodological challenges”, and should follow these guidelines:

1. Choose a theme (emotion, media, multiculturalism, welfare) and present how the literature addresses this in relation to your research question, with a focus on religious change.
2. Discuss how this approach has informed or challenge the theoretical approach and methodological choices in your own project
3. The assignment would be 10-12 pages (maximum), (1.5 space, 12 point font), including references and table of contents. *A draft of minimum 5 pages should be sent in the 24 of October to: mia.lovheim@teol.uu.se.*

November 7

November 8

November 9

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| Morning - arrivals | 9.30-10.15 Religion, media & change in late modernity. Mia Lövheim | 9.30-10.15 Religion, welfare & social change. Anders Bäckström |
| | 10.15-10.30 Response: Herbert 10.30-11.30 Discussion | 10.15-10.30 Response: Riis 10.30-11.30 Discussion |
| 12 – lunch + welcome | 11.30-12.30 lunch | 1130-1230 lunch |
| 1-1.45 Religion, emotion & change in late modernity: Ole Riis | 1230-13.15 Methods for researching religion in late modern societies: Ole Riis & Valerie DeMarinis) | 12.30-1.15 Religion, migration & multiculturalism: David Herbert |
| 1.45-2.00 Response: Lövheim 2.00-3.00 Discussion | 13.15-15.00 Discussion of new approaches (qualitative and quantitative) in social sciences of religion. | 1.15-1.30 Response: Bäckström 1.30-2.30 Discussion |
| 3.30-5.30 Groups – discussion of assignment outlines (Herbert/Riis) 6.30 Dinner and social program | 3.30-5.30 Groups - discussion of assignments (Lövheim, Bäckström) 6.30 Dinner and social program | 2.30 – 3.00 Evaluation, coffee & departure |

Reading list PhD course Religious Change in Late Modern Societies

Bryman, Alan (1996), *Quantity and Quality in Social Research*, Ch6: Combining Quantitative and Qualitative Research pp. 127-156. Routledge: London.

Bäckström, A; Davie, G; Edgardh, N & P. Pettersson (2011) (eds) *Welfare and Religion in 21th Century Europe. Volume 2. Gendered, Religious and Social Change*. Farnham & Burlington: Ashgate. Chapters 1, 2, 5 (120 pages).

Culture and Religion: An Interdisciplinary Journal – special issue on mediatisation and religion 12 (2) (total 91 pages)

- Lövheim Mia & Gordon Lynch 'The mediatisation of religion debate: An introduction' (pp. 111 – 117)
- Hjarvard Stig 'The mediatisation of religion: Theorising religion, media and social change' (pp. 119 - 1359)
- Morgan David 'Mediation or mediatization: The history of media in the study of religion' (pp. 137 – 152)
- Lövheim, Mia 'Mediatisation of religion: a critical appraisal' (pp. 153 – 166)
- Clark, Lynn Schofield 'Considering religion and mediatisation through a case study of J+K's big day (The J K wedding entrance dance): A response to Stig Hjarvard' (pp. 167 – 184)
- Boutros Alexandra 'Gods on the move: The mediatisation of Vodou' (pp. 185 – 201)
- Lynch Gordon 'What can we learn from the mediatisation of religion debate?' (pp. 203 – 210)

Mephshen et al. (2010) 'Sexual Politics, Orientalism and Multicultural Citizenship in the Netherlands' *Sociology* 44: 962-978 (26 pp)

Meyer, Birgit (2008) Religious sensations. Why Media, Aesthetics, and Power matter in the Study of Contemporary Religion, In Vries, Hent de (ed). *Religion. Beyond a Concept*. New York. Fordham University Press, pp. 704-723 (19 pp).

Rhodes, J. (2010) 'British National Party (BNP) Support White Backlash, 'Unfairness' and Justifications of British National Party' *Ethnicities* 10: 77-100 (23 pp)

Riis, Ole & Linda Woodhead (2011) *A sociology of religious emotion*, oxford: Oxford University Press 2010, pp. 1-19, 61-64, 69-73, 95-218 + methodological appendix 12 pp.

Sayer, Andrew (1992) *Methods in Social research*, Ch 9: Problems of explanation and the aims of social science, London Routledge, pp. 232-257.

Teddle, C. & Tashakkori, A. (2003) Major issues and controversies in the use of mixed methods in the social and behavioral sciences. In A. Tashakkori and C. Teddle (eds.). *Handbook of Mixed Methods in the social & behavioral sciences*. Thousand Oaks: Sage (pp.

3-50)

Uitermark, J. and Gielen, A-J. (2010) 'Islam in the Spotlight: The Mediatisation of Politics in an Amsterdam Neighbourhood' *Urban Studies* Vol. 47 Issue 6, p1325-1342, (18pp)

Vertovec, S. and Wessendorf, S. (2010) 'Introduction: Assessing the backlash against multiculturalism in Europe' in Vertovec, S. and Wessendorf, S. (eds.) *The Multicultural Backlash: European discourses, policies and practices* (London: Routledge) pp. 1-22.

Van der Veer, P (2006) 'Pim Fortuyn, Theo van Gogh, and the Politics of Tolerance in the Netherlands' *Public Culture*, Winter2006, Vol. 18 Issue 1, p111-124, (14pp)

Werbner, P. (2009) 'Revisiting the UK Muslim diasporic public sphere at a time of terror: from local (benign) invisible spaces to seditious conspiratorial spaces and the 'failure of multiculturalism' discourse.' *South Asian Diaspora* Vol. 1, No. 1, March, 19–45 (26pp)

Zavos, J. (2009) 'Negotiating Multiculturalism: Religion and the Organisation of Hindu Identity in Contemporary Britain' *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* Vol. 35, No. 6, July, pp. 881- 900 (19pp)

(total appr 570 pages)

Recommended additional reading

Casanova, José (2010). Religion Challenging the Myth of Secular Democracy, in Christoffersen, Lisbet, Hans Raun Iversen, Hanne Petersen and Margit Warburg. *Religion in the 21st Century. Challenges and Transformations*. Farnham: Ashgate, p 19-36 (Read also the introduction by Hanne Petersen, p 1-13)

Beckford, Jim (2010): The Return of Public Religion? A Critical Assessment of a Popular Claim, in *Nordic Journal of Religion and Society*, No 2/2010 (23), p121-136.

The Impact of Religion; Challenges for Society, Law and Democracy (2008). Read it on the Web-site www.impactofreligion.uu.se.

For information on practical details such as travels and accommodation please contact:

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Welcome and we look forward to seeing you in Uppsala in November!