Religion in Modern European Society  
HTST 375 

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Course Description  
The course covers history of religion mainly Christianity in Europe from the late 18th century to the present, focusing on the transformation of religious beliefs and institutions, and the socio-political and cultural developments. The topics include the discussion of the European religious traditions and the challenge of Enlightenment, the Great French Revolution and its impact on the European continent, the rise of capitalism and religion in the class polarized society. The Christian Churches and the totalitarian regimes, World War II and the post WWII religious revival. The 1960s and the fragmentation of the European religious traditions. The second stage of Secularization. Christian-Jewish and Christian-Muslim relations in Europe. The EU and religion. 

Grading: 
Participation: 10%  
Midterm: 25%  
Short research paper (5-6 pages) about a chosen topic in the framework of the course’s subject: 25%  
Final Exam: 40%  

A+ = 95-100  B+ = 77-79  C+ = 68-69  D+ = 55-57  
A = 85-94  B = 75-75  C = 60-67  D = 50-54  
A- = 80-84  B- = 70-74  C- = 58-59  F = 0-49  

Textbooks:  

Additional Reading:  

**Weekly Schedule:**

**July 2:** Introduction: Religion and Society. An all Christian Europe.

*Remond:* p. 1-29

**July 7:** The traditional regime in Eastern and Western Europe. Pockets of tolerance. The situation of the Jewish Diaspora. The challenge of the Enlightenment.

*Remond:* pp. 30-37

**July 9:** The French Revolution and its impact on the European continent.

*McLeod:* pp. 1-21

**July 14:** Opposing forces of secularization and religious tradition in 19th century Europe. Peculiarity of the British situation. Triumph of religious tolerance.

*Remond:* pp. 53-97

**July 16:** The capitalist development and urbanization. The religion in the class polarized society. The social problem in 19th century Europe and its impact on the religious life. Karl Marx and his followers.

*McLeod:* pp. 22-35, 75-97, and 118-131
*Chadwick:* pp. 48-106

**July 21:** The Roman Catholic Church and Papacy in 19th century Europe.

*Remond:* pp. 91-106

**July 28:** Midterm

Religion and Nation. Two universal realities.

*Remond:* 107-123

**July 30:** The Liberal Era of secularization.

*Remond:* 127-152
**August 4:** The Christian Churches and Totalitarianism.

*Remond:* pp. 167-177  
*McLeod:* 152-154

**August 6:** Post World War II Religious revival and the 1960's crisis.

*McLeod:* pp. 132-154

**August 11:** The Second Era of Secularization.

*Remond:* pp. 186-205  
*Jenkins:* pp. 26-54

**August 13:** Faith among the ruins. General Conclusions.

*Remond:* 206-218  
*Jenkins:* pp. 55-86.