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| Teacher(s) | Christians Louis-Léon ; |
| Language : | French |
| Place of the course | Louvain-la-Neuve |
| Prerequisites | The course LDROI1511 « Introduction au droit islamique » and one of the courses of canon law LTHEO1210 ou LTHEO2272 are recommended as prerequisites. |
| Main themes | The concept of "(religious) law" and the methodology of comparative law applied to religions: Buddhism, Judaism, Catholicism, Protestantism, Islam. Comparative Law as a tool for Religious Studies across selected themes: Sacred Punishment, Clergy, Public / Private, Personal Status, Women, Marriage, Justice, Governance, Apostasy, Death, State, Ecumenism, etc. |
| Learning outcomes | At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : 1 measure the stakes of a comparison of religious Laws as a vehicle for understanding the diversity of religious traditions and as a contribution to interreligious dialogue. |
| Evaluation methods | The evaluation will be made on the basis of a paper by about fifteen pages in which each student has to analyse an institution approached in a comparative way between two religious normative fields. The evaluation takes into account the quality of documentary and bibliographical methods (20% of points). The same terms and conditions apply for the September session. |
| Teaching methods | After a general introduction, the course will progress through interactive discussions around a portfolio of readings and research chosen and prepared by each student. |
| Content | The course consists of two parts. The first presents and analyzes the relevance of the concept of 'law' within the great religious traditions, and provides an operational method for a comparative approach relevant from a normative point of view. The focus is aimed at the religious understanding about some kinds of "pressure by threat of sanctions" that will allow a heuristic critic locating in each tradition its own normative discourse. The course will then be devoted to a comparative work on various institutions (to be chosen by the students : ex. Sacred Punishment, Clergy, Public / Private, People, Women, Marriage, Justice, Governance, Apostasy, Death, State Ecumenism). One or two guests will be invited to contribute to a comparative work within their own tradition. At the end of the course, the student will master the main research tools in comparative religious law and will be able to conduct a documentary research in these matters. |
| Inline resources | See the moodle website of the course. |
| Bibliography | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collectif, <i>Les principes des droits des religions</i>, <i>Revue de droit canonique</i>, Strasbourg, tome 57/2, , 2009, 240 pp. • BERKMANN, <i>The Internal Law of Religions. Introduction to a comparative discipline</i>, Routledge, 2020, 196 pp. • DOE, N., <i>Comparative Religious Law: Judaism, Christianity, Islam</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2018, 468 pp. • FERRARI S. (dir.) <i>Introduzione al diritto comparato delle religioni. Ebraismo, islam e induismo</i>, Bologna, Il Mulino, Collana Itinerari, 2008, 232 pp. • FERRARI, S., <i>Lo spirito dei diritti religiosi. Ebraismo, cristianesimo e islam a confronto</i>, Bologne, Mulino, 2002, 300 pp. • HUXLEY, A. <i>Religion, Law And Tradition (Comparative Studies In Religious Law)</i>, Routledge/Curzon, 2002, 240 pp. • NEUSNER, J., SONN, T., <i>Comparing religions through Law, Judaism and Islam</i>, Londres, Routledge, 1999, 264 pp. <p>Dans les revues, la revue italienne <i>Daimon</i> est spécifiquement consacrée au droit comparé des religions, sous forme d'annuaire thématique. De même, plusieurs numéros thématiques de la <i>Revue de droit canonique</i> sont dédiés à des approches comparatives (La liberté de conscience dans le champ de la religion, t. 52/1 ; Le secret dans les religions, t. 52/2 ; etc.).</p> |

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| Programmes containing this learning unit (UE) | | | | |
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| Program title | Acronym | Credits | Prerequisite | Learning outcomes |
| Master [120] in Sciences of Religions | SREL2M | 4 | |  |