

# Course Syllabus & Reading Materials

## Religious Studies

International Undergraduate Program,  
Department of Public Policy Management,  
Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Gadjah Mada University

<b>Title of Course</b>	<b>: Religious Studies</b>
<b>Subject Code</b>	<b>: UNU100IUP</b>
<b>Credit</b>	<b>: 2 credits</b>
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	<b>: English</b>
<b>Period</b>	<b>: January-May</b>
<b>Schedule</b>	<b>: Wednesday, 08:00-09:40 am.</b>
<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>: Suhadi, Ph.D.</b>

The aim of this course is *to understand religious diversity* in Indonesian contexts and to some extents international context. The way we learn about religious diversity is through studying the history and beliefs, rituals, and communities of those religions/ beliefs. Besides on the world religions, we pay our attention to the indigenous/ local religion. Since there is a question from the students about inter-religious marriage, then we also will discuss it in Indonesia context. Part of our discussions will be on freedom of religion and last but not least religious conflicts and peacebuilding via Ambon case study. Here, analysis toward international religious revivalism in the 21st century and management of religious diversity are an indispensable course materials.

### **Requirements and Classroom Etiquette:**

- Students must arrive at class on time (5 minutes of late toleration) and are required to attend minimum 11 of the 14 class sessions (75%).
- Submitting weekly response paper (one page) to assigned reading OR another home-work one day before the meeting at 17.00 WIB online.
- Laptops and other electronic devices should remain turned off during class unless being used for presentations and class learning activities.
- Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated – and is grounds for immediate failure. Please take a look at these guidelines on what constitutes plagiarism:  
[http://lib.ugm.ac.id/ind/?page\\_id=327](http://lib.ugm.ac.id/ind/?page_id=327)
- When needed, students may discuss with the lecturer by meeting outside the class or by e-mail on missed any information on the class progress or for other academic purposes, including on grading clarification. The lecturer email is [suhadi\\_cholil@ugm.ac.id](mailto:suhadi_cholil@ugm.ac.id)

### **Schedule of Courses**

No	Subject	Method	Reading/ Method
1	Introduction	Discussion	Syllabus
2	The study of religions: worldview perspective	Lecture & QA	
3	Religious diversity in	Lecture, video, & QA	- Barret and Johnson

	Indonesia and other world		2002: xxvii-xxx - Suhadi et. al. 2010: 12-20
4	The history of Christianity and Christianity in Indonesia	Student presentation & QA	Suhadi 2014: 26-31`
5	The history of Islam and Islam in Indonesia	Student presentation & QA	Suhadi 2014: 21-26
6	The history of Hinduism and Hinduism in Indonesia	Student presentation & QA	
7	Ethno-religions in Indonesia	Student presentation & QA	Schiller 1996: 409-417
8	The discourse of God's Century	Lecture & QA	Toft, et. al. 2011: 1-19
9	The idea of secularism	Student presentation & QA	
10	The politics of religions in Indonesia	Lecture and QA	
11	Religious freedom and public policy	Lecture and QA	
12	Religious freedom in Indonesia	Lecture and QA	Bagir 2014: 27-39
13	Religion, conflict, and peacebuilding	Video, Lecture and QA	Al Qurtuby 2013: 1-19
14	Inter-religious marriage in Indonesian context: Religious dogma and national law	Video, Lecture and QA	Swidler 1984: 30-33

### Reference:

Al Qurtuby, S. (2013). "Peacebuilding in Indonesia: Christian-Muslim Alliances in Ambon Island", *Islam and Christian – Muslim Relations*, Routledge, 1-19.

Bagir, Z.A. (2014). "Advocacy for Religious Freedom in Democratizing Indonesia". *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*. Institute for Global Engagement.

Barret, D.B. and Johnson, T.M., (2002). "A Statitical Approach to the World's Religious Adherents, 2000-2050 C.E.", in Melton, J.B. and Baumann, M. *Religion of the World A Comprehensive Ensyyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices*, Santa Barbara: Abc Clio.

Schiller, A. (1996). "An 'Old' Religion in 'New Order' Indonesia: Notes on Ethnicity and Religious Affiliation" in *Sociology of Religion*, Vol. 57, No. 4 (Winter), pp. 409-417.

Suhadi, et. al. (2010). *Annual Report on Religious Life in Indonesia 2009*, Yogyakarta: CRCS UGM.

Suhadi (2014). *'I Come from A Pancasila Family': A Discursive Study on Muslim-Christian Identity Transformation in Indonesian Post-Reformasi Era*, Berlin: Lit Verlag.

Toft, M.D., Philpott, D., and Shah, T.S. (2011). *God's Century Resurgent Religion and Global Politics*. Chapter One: "The Twenty-First Century as God's Century". New York: W.W. Norton.

The bill PNPS No. 1/ 1965 on religious blasphemy, etc.