

科目コード／科目名 (Course Code / Course Title)	立教ゼミナール4 (Seminars for Students of Rikkyo University 4)	新座(Niiza)	
テーマ／サブタイトル等 (Theme / Subtitle)	Religious and Ritual Psychology		
担当者名 (Instructor)	カヴァナ, C. (KAVANAGH CHRISTOPHER)		
学期 (Semester)	秋学期(Fall Semester)	単位 (Credit)	2単位(2 Credits)
科目ナンバリング (Course Number)	CMP2441	言語 (Language)	英語 (English)
備考 (Notes)	2016 年度以降 1 年次入学者対象科目 ・F 科目上級(外国語による総合系科目) ・定員 20 名 ・他に特別外国人学生が履修 ・この授業は英語で実施する ・履修者は TOEIC®700 点相当以上の英語力を有していることを前提に授業を実施する		

授業の目標 (Course Objectives)

The goal of this seminar is to:

- Provide students with an overview of modern research and theories on religion and ritual, especially from the perspective of cognitive psychology and evolutionary theory.
- Give students experience in critically evaluating research and comparing theoretical approaches
- Improve students abilities to communicate their opinions about these research topics and research more generally

授業の内容 (Course Contents)

The seminar focuses on contemporary research on religion and ritual particularly that which draws on an evolutionary or cognitive perspective. Although many people in Japan and in the West do not follow any specific religion, the majority of people across the world believe in and belong to religious groups. Furthermore, rituals are important in all societies and even non-religious people often hold some supernatural beliefs. This course examines religion and ritual as a cross-culturally recurrent social and psychological phenomenon and examines modern research that explores both the effects of religious belief and ritual participation.

The course starts with lectures that introduce research skills and then moves on to examine key topics on ritual and religion. Then in the second part of the course, the focus switches to examine specific studies in depth over 2 weeks. In the first week, students focus on a key study and attempt to identify its strengths and weaknesses. Then in the second week, students are tasked with finding follow up studies or related research and the broader research literature is examined through group discussions and/or reaction papers. Students are required to make a presentation (15-20 mins) on one selected topic during the course and will be required to submit short reaction papers for certain weeks. Classes throughout are a combination of lectures and group discussion segments.

The course is suitable for students for all English levels as the course contents will be adjusted according to the level of the students. By the end of the course students will be familiar with the key theories on religion/ritual and have gained experience in discussing research critically and presenting their opinions in English.

授業計画 (Course Schedule)

1. [Lecture] Course Introduction & How to Read Studies Critically/Conduct Independent Research.
2. [Lecture] The Replication Crisis & Modern Social Science Research
3. [Lecture] What is Religion? What are Rituals?
4. [Lecture] Big Gods, Supernatural Punishment & Minimally Counterintuitive Agents
5. [Lecture] Born Believers & Afterlife Beliefs
6. [Lecture] Ritual Psychology & Group Bonding
7. [Lecture] The Psychology of Religious Extremism
8. [Practice] Research Paper 1
9. [Practice] Review of Related Research for Paper 1
10. [Practice] Research Paper 2
11. [Practice] Review of Related Research for Paper 2
12. [Practice] Research Paper 3
13. [Practice] Review of Related Research for Paper 3
14. [Practice] Final Presentations & Review of Course

授業時間外(予習・復習等)の学習 (Study Required Outside of Class)

Some independent reading of English materials is required and completion of short reaction papers.

成績評価方法・基準 (Evaluation)

Active participation in group discussion and lecture attendance(50%)/Final Presentation(25%)/Reaction Papers(25%)

テキスト (Textbooks)

None

参考文献 (Readings)

Reading material will be distributed in class.

読み物はクラスで提供されます。

その他 (HP 等) (Others(e.g.HP))

Class content will be adjusted according to the number of students and their specific abilities/needs.

具体的な授業の進め方は、履修者の数やニーズに合わせて調整していきます。

注意事項 (Notice)