



DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE, HISTORY OF IDEAS, AND RELIGION

RT2212 Understanding World Religions, 7.5 credits

Världens religioner, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle

Reading list for RT2212, to be valid from autumn semester of 2023

Reading list was confirmed by Department of Literature, History of Ideas, and Religion on 2023-06-15 to be valid from 2023-08-28.

See appendix.



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Litteraturlista för RT2212, gällande från och med höstterminen 2022

Litteraturlistan är fastställd av Institutionen för litteratur, idéhistoria och religion 2022-06-13 att gälla från och med 2022-06-13.

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READING LIST HT 2023 RT2212

Understanding World Religions (7.5 hec)

Books

Cotter, Christopher R. & Robertson, David G. (ed. 2016). *After World Religions: Reconstructing Religious Studies*, Routledge, Abingdon (203 pp).

Hughes, Aaron W. (2015). *Islam and the Tyranny of Authenticity: An Inquiry into Disciplinary Apologetics and Self-deception*. Bristol, CT: Equinox Pub. Ltd (143 pp).

Taves, Ann (2017). *Revelatory Events: Three Case Studies of the Emergence of New Spiritual Paths*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press (357pp).

Articles and Excerpts

Asad, Talal (1993). *Genealogies of Religion: Discipline and Reasons of Power in Christianity and Islam*. Johns Hopkins University Press: Baltimore (ca 25pp) [E-resource].

Boyer, Pascal (2003). "Religious Thought and Behavior as By-Products of Brain Functions", *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, vol 7, pp. 119-124.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1364661303000317>

McCutcheon, Russell T. (2006). "It's a Lie. There's no Truth in it! It's a Sin!": On the Limits of the Humanistic Study of Religion and the Costs of Saving Others from Themselves". *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 74(3), pp. 720–750. <https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/10918>

McCutcheon, Russell T. (1997). *Manufacturing Religion: The Discourse on Sui Generis Religion and the Politics of Nostalgia*. New York: Oxford University Press (Introduction, and chapter 5, 50 pp) [E-resource].

Orsi, Robert (2004). "Fair Game". *Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Bulletin*, 33(3-4), pp. 87-89 [accessible via GU library].

Rydving, Håkan (2011). "A Western Folk Category in Mind?" *Temenos: Nordic Journal of Comparative Religion*, 44(1), pp. 73-99. <https://journal.fi/temenos/article/view/4599/6790>

Smith, Jonathan Z. (1998). "Religion, Religions, Religious". In Taylor, Mark C. (ed.) *Critical Terms for Religious Studies*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press pp. 269-284.
http://www.iupui.edu/~womrel/Rel433%20Readings/SearchableTextFiles/Smith_ReligionReligionsReligious.pdf.

Woodhead, Linda (2011). Five Concepts of Religion, *International Review of Sociology*, 21(1): pp.121-143. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/254296026_Five_concepts_of_religion

Additional material will be provided during the course through Canvas.