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**Name of the course: JDDO317XA0 Religion and identity**

**Aim of the subject:**

The protection of national or constitutional identity has become a key issue of European discourse. Identity is deeply determined by religion and this needs reflection beyond issues of religious freedom.

The dispute over the Treaty on a Constitution for the European Union as well as the migration crisis have confronted Europe with the role of religion shaping history even in our days, also in Europe. Paradoxically the need for identity is rising in a period when society is becoming more and more secular. The course reflects on borderline cases of religious freedom where conflicts of cultural identities can be resolved by balancing fundamental rights. Beyond fundamental rights the course scrutinizes the ways how identity can be expressed, protected and renewed.

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