

Study program: Gender studies
Name of the subject: Gender and Religion
Teacher(s): Miloš Jovanović, Zilka Spahić Šiljak
Status of the subject: elective
Number of ECTS credits: 5
Conditions: none
<p>Subject goal</p> <p>Getting the students acquainted with different religious traditions, particularly Christian Orthodox as the dominant in Serbia, and the place issues related to non-heterosexuality have in their teachings. Furthermore, introduction to the stand different religious organizations take towards LGBTIQ people and changes of it in different socio-cultural contexts.</p>
<p>Outcome of the subject – Upon completion of the course, students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be acquainted with the issues and problems related to (non-hetero)sexuality that arise within the theological and social teachings of different religious and spiritual traditions. 2. Be able to analyze the socio-cultural and historical conditions that have influenced religious attitudes towards sexuality. 3. Have an insight into existing empirical research on the relationship between religion and homosexuality. 4. Be able to point out social problems related to religious attitudes about homosexuality and present their alternative solutions to both professional and lay public.
<p>Subject content</p> <p><i>Theory</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction – religion and sexuality/ies 2. Christianity, Judaism, Islam and homosexuality 3. Homosexuality in non-Abrahamic religions (Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Native American religion, ...) 4. “Orthodox” and “alternative” interpretations of the Holy Scripture 5. Christianity, male and female homosexuality 6. Ascetic practices in early Christianity, virginity, the body 7. “Unnatural“ and sex “contrary to nature” – the disruption of the “cosmic order” 8. Religiosity, spirituality, sexuality 9. Human rights, civil/sexual freedoms, religious beliefs 10. Empirical research on religiosity and homosexuality 11. Moralistic condemnation of homosexuality in Christian Orthodoxy 12. LGBTQ believers in Serbia – the problem of identity 13. Politics, religion, sexuality – “cultural wars” in Serbia 14. Queer theology 15. Religions and non-heterosexuality – prospects for the future <p><i>Practical learning:</i> Exercises / Seminars</p>
<p>Literature</p> <p>Scott Thumma and Edward R. Gray (eds.). <i>Gay Religion</i>. Lanham; New York: Altamira Press, 2005.</p> <p>Stephen Hunt (ed.). <i>Contemporary Christianity and LGBT Sexualities</i>. Farnham: Ashgate, 2009.</p> <p>Jeffrey S. Siker (ed.) <i>Homosexuality and Religion – An Encyclopedia</i>. London: Greenwood Press, 2007.</p> <p>Pierre Hurteau. <i>Male homosexualities and world religions</i>. New York: Palgrave Macmillan US, 2013.</p> <p>John Boswell. <i>Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality: Gay People in Western Europe from the Beginning of the Christian Era to the Fourteenth Century</i>. Chicago; London: University of Chicago Press, 1980.</p> <p>Bernadette J. Brooten. <i>Love Between Women: Early Christian Responses to Female Homoeroticism</i>. Chicago: University of Chicago press, 1996.</p> <p>Eve Levin. <i>Sex and Society in the World of the Orthodox Slavs 900–1700</i>. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1989.</p> <p>Peter Brown. <i>The Body and society: Men, women, and sexual renunciation in early christianity</i>. New York: Columbia University press, 1988.</p> <p>James A. Brundage. <i>Law, Sex, and Christian Society in Medieval Europe</i>. Chicago: University of Chicago press, 1987.</p> <p>Vern L. Bullough. <i>Sexual Variance in Society and History</i>, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1980.</p>

<p>Vern L. Buloh i Boni Buloh. <i>Seksualni stavovi</i>. Beograd: Fabrika knjiga, 2004.</p> <p>Dag Ejstejn Endše. <i>Seks i religija: od devičanskih balova do bogougodne homoseksualnosti</i>. Loznica: Karpos, 2010.</p> <p>Alexandra Cuffel, Ana Echevarria & Georgios T. Halkias (eds.). <i>Religious Boundaries for Sex, Gender, and Corporeality</i>. London; New York: Routledge, 2019.</p> <p>Joanna de Groot & Sue Morgan (eds.). <i>Sex, Gender and the Sacred: Reconfiguring Religion in Gender History</i>. Chichester: Wiley Blackwell, 2014.</p> <p>Miloš Jovanović. <i>Identitet, religioznost, seksualnost : problem identiteta religioznih LGBT osoba u Srbiji</i>. Novi Sad : Mediterran publishing, 2016.</p> <p>Miloš Jovanović „Moralistička osuda homoseksualnosti u pravoslavlju”, <i>Teme</i> XXXV (3), 2011, str. 705-744.</p> <p>Miloš Jovanović. “Silence or condemnation: The Orthodox Church on homosexuality in Serbia”, <i>Družboslovne razprave</i> XXIX (73), 2013, pp. 79-95.</p> <p>Mariecke van den Berg, David J. Bos, Marco Derks, R. Ruard Ganzevoort, Miloš Jovanović, Anne-Marie Korte & Srđan Sremac. “Religion, Homosexuality, and Contested Social Orders in the Netherlands, the Western Balkans, and Sweden”, u: Gladys Ganiel, Heidemarie Winkel & Christophe Monnot (eds.). <i>Religion in Times of Crisis</i>. Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2014, str. 116-134.</p> <p>Marcella Althaus-Reid. <i>Indecent Theology: Theological perversions in sex, gender and politics</i>. London; New York: Routledge, 2000.</p> <p>Gerard Loughlin (ed.). <i>Queer Theology: Rethinking the Western Body</i>. Malden, MA; Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2007.</p> <p>Melissa M. Wilcox. <i>Coming Out in Christianity: Religion, Identity, & Community</i>. Bloomington; Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2003.</p> <p>Kathy Rudy. <i>Sex and the Church: Gender, Homosexuality, and the Transformation of Christian Ethics</i>. Boston: Beacon press, 1997.</p>			
Number of active teaching classes	Theoretical teaching: 2		Practical teaching: 1
Method of carrying out the teaching			
Lectures, presentations, debates; presentation of texts and discussions related to problems from the literature			
Evaluation of knowledge (maximum number of points 100)			
Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
class participation	30 (presentations, discussions)	written exam	
practical classes		oral exam	70
colloquia		
seminar paper			