

# Crash Course on “The Economics of Religion”

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## Description of the course

Does religion play a role for economic development?

This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to the economics of religion. It focuses on two main dimensions. First, it illustrates whether belonging to different religious affiliations (e.g., Catholicism, Protestantism, Judaism, etc.) may play a role for economic progress and through which mechanism. Then, it analyzes the intensity of religion (i.e., religiosity) and it studies the relationship between religiosity, human capital accumulation, and technological-scientific development.

The course will be based on the reading and discussion of research papers that use economic theory and empirical analysis to engage in the most recent debate on the role of religion for economic development.

The crash course is open to a maximum of 30 participants.

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