

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
FALL 2012 COURSE OUTLINE**

Religious Studies 447 L01:	Theories of Religion
Time and Date of Class:	R 14:00-16:45
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Set Texts

Richard Horsley *Religion and Empire*, Fortress Press, 2003.
Charles Taylor, *Modern Social Imaginaries*, Duke University Press, 2004.

Select Bibliography from which extracts will be taken:

D. N. Hopkins, L.A. Lorentzen et al. (Eds.), *Religions/ Globalizations: Theories and Cases*, Duke University Press, 2001.
Richard Horsley, *Religion and Empire*, Fortress Press, 2003.
Patricia Jeffrey and Amrita Basu (Eds.), *Appropriating Gender*, Routledge, 1998.
Uma Narayan, *Dislocating Cultures*, Routledge, 1997.

Books on Reserve

Ivan Strenski *Thinking About Religion: An Historical Introduction to Theories of Religion*
Daniel L. Pals *Eight Theories of Religion*

Course Description:

This course will examine contemporary issues that are of relevance for the study of religion. It will assume a basic knowledge of method and theory, and will be based on readings from recent books that discuss these issues from various perspectives. Such a course will provide students with an awareness of the larger debates that are informing present day global society, and the contribution that scholars of religion can make to these debates.

Course Format:

The course will include lectures and class discussion. Each week certain students will be asked to prepare questions from the assigned readings for the class discussion.

Blackboard:

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- <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
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