

# Religion, Democracy and Violence

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## Overview

The subject examines, in comparative perspective, the relationship between religion and violence in contemporary societies, but especially in democratic contexts. It has been assumed in the past that democracy would confer 'moderating' influences that would weaken any existing relationship between religion and a propensity for violent politics. However, today we see that religious politics and violence can go together – and even become mutually reinforcing – often in the course of democratic competition. Several case studies are analysed, especially Indonesia, Turkey and India.

## Objectives

1. Provide an understanding of the relationship between religion and profane conflicts over power and resources in modern societies
2. Provide an understanding of the circumstances within which religious political movements can adopt violent strategies
3. Provide an understanding of how religious politics and violence may become mutually reinforcing, even in democratic contexts.

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| <b>Lectures</b>                        | One Week Course: 6-10 November 2017 (Monday –Friday)<br><br><i>Number of External Participants for the course will be limited to twenty.</i>  |
| <b>Registration Deadline</b>           | 10 October 2017. Please register for the course by this date and submit your fees.  |
| <b>You Should Attend If you are...</b> | MA/M.Phil and PhD students of social sciences and humanities.<br>Social Scientists, Teachers, Administrators, Civil Society Members<br>Researchers with interest on Religion, Development and Democracy   |
| <b>Fees</b>                            | The participation fees for taking the course is as follows:<br><b>Research Scholars/ Students : INR 1,500</b><br><b>Faculty : INR 2,000</b><br><b>Working Professionals : INR 15,000</b><br><br>The above fee includes all Instruction Materials and access to free WIFI and Central Library Facilities.<br><br><i>The participants will be provided with accommodation on payment basis.</i> |

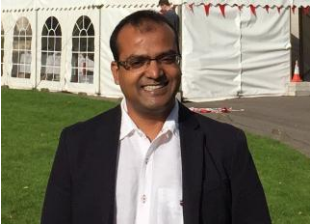
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| <b>Certificate</b>            | After completing the course, participants will receive a certificate.  |
| <b>Registration Procedure</b> | Please register in GIAN portal ( <a href="http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/index.">http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/index.</a> )<br>After registration in GIAN site you will be asked to pay the course fees to IIT Delhi. |

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