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spatial theory notably the work of the influential sociologist henri lefebvre and the many disciplines that have contributed to the spatial study of religion this volume will be invaluable to all those interested in the role of religion in spatial analysis what is the appropriate role of religion in scholarship and teaching covering topics ranging from religious influences in faculty lives to questions of academic freedom proselytization and appropriate limits to religious expression within the academy this book seeks to promote faculty self awareness and encourage dialogue with colleagues religious or spiritual beliefs underpin many controversies and conflicts in the contemporary world written by a range of scholarly contributors this three volume set provides contextual background information and detailed explanations of religious controversies across the globe controversies in contemporary religion education law politics society and spirituality is a three volume set that addresses 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approaches that move beyond existing agendas bringing together scholars of all ages and stages of career from around the world the handbook showcases the dynamism of religion in global societies it is an accessible introduction to new ways of approaching the study of religion practically theoretically and geographically Peter Beyer has been a central figure in the debate about religion and globalization for many years this volume is a collection of essays on the relation between religion and globalization with special emphasis on the concept of religion its modern forms and on the relation of religion to the state featuring a newly written introduction and conclusion which frame the volume and offer the reader guidance on how the arguments fit together this book brings together ten previously published pieces which focus on the institutional forms and concept of religion in the context of globalizing and modern society the guiding theme that they all share is the idea that religion and globalization are historically conceptually and institutionally related what has come to constitute religion and what social roles religion plays are not manifestations of a timeless essence called religion or even a requirement of human societies in concept and institutional form religion is an expression of the historical process of globalization above all during modern centuries what religion has become is one of the outcomes of the successive transformations and developments that have brought about contemporary global society including some of the most important theoretical work in the field of religion and globalization this collection provokes the reader to consider paths for future research in the area and will be of great interest to students and scholars of religion and politics globalization and religion and sociology religion in the contemporary west is undergoing rapid change in predicting religion twenty experts in the study of religion present their predictions about the future of religion in the 21st century predictions based on careful analysis of the contemporary religious scene from traditional forms of christianity to new spiritualities the range of predictions is broad a number predict further secularization with religion in the west seen as being in a state of terminal decline others question this approach and suggest that we are witnessing not decline but transformation understood in different ways a shift from theism to pantheism from outer to inner authority from god to self as god and above all from religion to spirituality this accessible book on the contemporary religious scene offers students and scholars of the sociology of religion and theology as well as interested general readers fresh insights into the future of religion and spirituality in the west published in association with the British Sociological Association Study of Religion Group in the Ashgate Religion and Theology in Interdisciplinary Perspective Series Alexis de Tocqueville once described the national character of Americans as one question insistently asked how much money will it bring in G. K. Chesterton a century later described America as a nation with a soul of a church at first glance the two observations might appear to be diametrically opposed but this volume shows the ways in which American religion and American business overlap and interact with one another defining the US in terms of religion and religion in terms of economics bringing together original contributions by leading experts and rising scholars from both America and Europe the volume pushes this field of study forward by examining the ways religions and markets in relationship can provide powerful insights and open unseen aspects into both in essays ranging from colonial American mercantilism to modern

megachurches from literary markets to popular festivals the authors explore how religious behavior is shaped by commerce and how commercial practices are informed by religion by focusing on what historians often use off handedly as a metaphor or analogy the volume offers new insights into three varieties of relationships religion and the marketplace religion in the marketplace and religion as the marketplace using these categories the contributors test the assumptions scholars have come to hold and offer deeper insights into religion and the marketplace in america this book offers a fully up to date and comprehensive guide to religion in britain since 1945 a team of leading scholars provide a fresh analysis and overview with a particular focus on diversity and change they examine relations between religious and secular beliefs and institutions the evolving role and status of the churches the growth and settlement of non christian religious communities the spread and diversification of alternative spiritualities religion in welfare education media politics and law theoretical perspectives on religious change the volume presents the latest research including results from the largest ever research initiative on religion in britain the ahrc esrc religion and society programme survey chapters are combined with detailed case studies to give both breadth and depth of coverage the text is accompanied by relevant photographs and a companion website religion in the public sphere is one of the most debated issues in the field of law and religion this volume brings together articles which address some of the more prominent recent cases relating to religion and education religion and the workplace family law and religious symbols the essays discuss the meaning of secularism today and the difficult issue of religion in the public sphere and reflect a wide variety of viewpoints this volume maps the key elements of this multi faceted problem offers essential material and provides an important starting point for an understanding of the issues in this century old debate the present volume explores lesser heard and unheard issues in the study of religion among other things lived experiences of religion in higher education are interrogated culture is studied as lived experience and evangelicalism is outlined as an emic and etic concept this book explores neoliberalism as an account of contemporary society and considers what this means for our understanding of religion neoliberalism is a perspective grounded in free market economics and distinguished by a celebration of competition and consumer choice it has had a profound influence in societies across the world and has extended its reach into all areas of human experience and yet neoliberalism is not just about enterprise and opportunity it also comes with authoritarian leadership gross inequality and the manipulation of information how should we make sense of these changes and what do they mean for the status of religion in the 21st century has religion been transformed into a market commodity or consumer product does the embrace of business methods make religious movements more culturally relevant or can they be used to reinforce inequalities of gender or ethnicity how might neoliberal contexts demand we think differently about matters of religious identity and power this book provides an accessible discussion about religion in the 21st century mathew guest asks what distinguishes neoliberal religion and explores the sociological and ethical questions that arise from considering its wider significance the handbook of religion and society is the most comprehensive and up to date treatment of a vital force in the world today it is an indispensable resource for scholars students policy makers and other professionals seeking to understand the role of religion in society this includes both the social forces that shape religion and the social consequences of religion this handbook captures the breadth and depth of contemporary work in the field and shows readers important future directions for scholarship among the emerging topics covered in the handbook are biological functioning organizational innovation digital religion spirituality atheism and transnationalism the relationship of religion to other significant social institutions like work and entrepreneurship science and sport is also analyzed specific attention is paid where appropriate to international issues as well as to race class sexuality and gender differences this handbook includes 27 chapters by a distinguished diverse and international collection of experts organized into 6 major sections religion and social institutions religious organization family life course and individual change difference and inequality political and legal processes and globalization and transnationalism what is the relationship between women and secularization in the west women are abandoning traditional religion yet they continue to make up the majority of religious adherents accounting for this seeming paradox is the focus of this volume if women undergird the foundations of religion but are leaving in large numbers why are they leaving where are they going what are they doing and what s happening to those who remain women and religion in the west addresses a neglected yet crucial issue within the debate on religious belonging and departure the role of women in and out of religion and spirituality beginning with an analysis of the relationship between gender and secularization the book moves its focus to in depth examination of women s experiences based on data from key recent qualitative work on women and religion this volume addresses not only women s place in and out of christianity the normal focus of secularization theories but also alternative spiritualities and islam asking how questions of secularization differ between faith systems this book offers students and scholars of religion sociology and women 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studies as well as interested general readers an accessible work on the religiosity of western women and contributes fresh analyses of the rapidly shifting terrain of contemporary religion and spirituality presents entries a to l of a two volume encyclopedia discussing religion around the globe including biographies concepts and theories places social issues movements texts and traditions talk of spirituality and individual religion is proliferating both in popular discourse and scholarly works increasingly people claim to be spiritual but not religious or to prefer individual religion to organized religion scholars have for decades noted the phenomenon primarily within the middle class of individuals picking and choosing elements from among various religious traditions forming their own religion or spirituality for themselves while the topics of spirituality and individual religion are regularly treated as self evident by the media and even some scholars of religion capitalizing religion provides one of the first critical analyses of the phenomenon arguing that these recent forms of spirituality are in many cases linked to capitalist ideology and consumer practices examining cases such as eckhart tolle s the power of now and karen berg s god wears lipstick craig martin ultimately argues that so called individual religion is a religion of the status quo or more critically an opiate of the bourgeoisie capitalizing religion ideology and opiate of the bourgeoisie is a landmark publication in critical religious studies in their introduction to this handbook the editors affirm many sociologists have come to realise that it makes no sense now to omit religion from the repertoire of social scientific explanations of social life i wholeheartedly agree i also suggest that this wide ranging set of essays should become a starting point for such enquiries each chapter is clear comprehensive and well structured making the handbook a real asset for all those engaged in the field grace davie university of exeter serious social scientists who care about making sense of the world can no longer ignore the fact that religious beliefs and practices are an important part of this world this handbook is a valuable resource for specialists and amateurs alike the editors have done an exceptionally fine job of incorporating topics that illuminate the range and diversity of religion and its continuing significance throughout the world robert wuthnow princeton university at a time when religions are increasingly affecting and affected by life beyond the narrowly sacred sphere religion everywhere seems to be caught up in change and conflict in the midst of this contention and confusion the sociology of religion provides a rich source of understanding and explanation this handbook presents an unprecedentedly comprehensive assessment of the field both where it has been and where it is headed like its many distinguished contributors its topics and their coverage are truly global in their reach the handbook s 35 chapters are organized into eight sections basic theories and debates methods of studying religion social forms and experiences of religion issues of power and control in religious organizations religion and politics individual religious behaviour in social context religion self identity and the life course and case studies of china eastern europe israel japan and mexico each chapter establishes benchmarks for the state of sociological thinking about religion in the 21st century and provides a rich bibliography for pursuing its subject further overall the handbook stretches the field conceptually methodologically comparatively and historically an indispensable source of guidance and insight for both students and scholars choice outstanding academic title 2009 this text offers an outstanding selection of readings that represent an overview of the key issues in the sociology of religion from a uniquely canadian perspective masterfully planned and united by clearly articulated themes the second edition moves through three thematic cornerstones contexts identities and strategies recurring sub themes include the definition of religion the secularization debate the challenge of diversity and the gendered aspects of religious experience key additions to this edition include a discussion on cultural diversity an exploration of religion and sexuality and a thorough historical overview of religion in canada examines the role of secularism and religion in jewish society and politics this book also examines issues of religion tradition and secularism in israel giving a fresh approach to the widening theoretical discussion regarding the thesis of secularisation and modernity and exploring the wider implications of this identity disputing the secularization hypothesis this book examines the relationship between religion and modernity detailing and explaining religious conversion revivalism and religious competition in singapore there is intellectualization of religion a shift from unthinking acceptance to rationalized religions many aspects of religion are puzzling these days this book looks at ways of improving our understanding of religious change by strengthening the links between social theory and the social scientific study of religion it clarifies the social processes involved in constructing religion and non religion in public and private life taking illustrations of the importance of these boundaries from studies of secularisation religious diversity globalisation religious movements and self identity james a beckford reviews the current state of social scientific knowledge about religion in marxism and religion leading chinese scholars unfold before our eyes theoretical explorations of religion in present day china in addition they along with senior cadres superintending religious affairs strenuously explain why the marxist view of religion still has relevance to living religions in a country undergoing deep changes unleashed by the late paramount leader deng xiaoping s

reform and opening up policies mistakenly perceived by so many westerners as outdated and dogmatic quasi scholarly work in the service of communist regime s propaganda studies selected here are brainchildren of a group of creative and reform minded scholars and cadres who endeavor to uphold marxist traditions while innovatively sinicizing them hoping that their efforts will contribute to the ruling party s ideological reconstruction contributors include fang litian gao shining gong xuezheng he qimin jin ze li xiangping lü daji wang xiaochao wang zuo an ye xiaowen zhu xiaoming and zhuo xiping grace davie is one of the best analysts of religion in contemporary sociology this book caps a distinguished record of studies of religion first of britain then of europe then globally this is a magisterial work which should be read by anyone interested in the place of religion in the modern world peter l berger boston university this book offers both an expert survey of contemporary sociology of religion and the personal reflections of one of the leading scholars in the field grace davie is a good model for students and their teachers she is clear engaging and fair minded but unafraid to express a point of view david voas university of manchester grace davie has written a book about what is currently happening in the sociology of religion which is clear accessible devoid of jargon and authoritative though addressed to the educated reader it also provides an ideal text for students if you want expert guidance about what is going on in the sociology of religion and to have useful indications about what is going on in religion on the global scene this book does the job extremely well theology why is religion still important can we be fully modern and fully religious the sociology of religion works at two levels first it sets out the agenda covering the key questions in the sociology of religion today at the same time it interrogates this agenda asking if the sociology of religion as we currently know it is fit for purpose if not what is to be done this book describes the origins of the sociology of religion demystifies secularization as a process and a theory relates religion to modern social theory unpacks the meaning of religion in relation to modernity and globalization grasps the methodological challenges in the field provides a comparative perspective for religions in the west introduces questions of minorities and margins sets out a critical agenda for debate and research in a single volume grace davie captures the nature and forms of modern religion the current debates in the field and the prospects for future development this book argues that the last four decades have seen profound and important changes in the nature and social location of religion and that those changes are best understood when cast against the associated rise of consumerism and neoliberalism these transformations are often misunderstood and underestimated namely because the study of religion remains dependent on the secularisation paradigm which can no longer provide a sufficiently fruitful framework for analysis the book challenges diagnoses of transience and fragmentation by proposing an alternative narrative and set of concepts for understanding the global religious landscape the present situation is framed as the result of a shift from a national statist to a global market regime of religion adopting a holistic perspective that breaks with the current specialisation tendencies it charts the emergence of the state and the market as institutions and ideas related to social order as well as their changing rapports from classical modernity to today breaking with a tradition of western centeredness the book offers probing enquiries into indonesia and a synthesis of global and western trends this long awaited book offers a bold new vision for the social scientific study of religion and will be of great interest to all scholars of the sociology and anthropology of religion as well as religious studies in general drawing on ethnographic research this book explores individualized religion in and around hebden bridge in west yorkshire claire wanless demonstrates that counter to the claims of secularization theorists the combination of informal structures and practices can provide a viable basis for socially significant religious activity that can sustain itself the subjects of this research claim a variety of religious identities and practices and are suspicious of religious institutions hierarchies rules and dogmas yet they participate actively in an overlapping and cross linking informal network of practice communities and other associations their engagements propagate and sustain a core ideology that prioritizes subjectivity locates authority at the level of the individual and also predicates itself on ideals of sharing mutuality and community providing a new theory of religious association this book is a nuanced counterpoint to the secularization thesis in the uk and points the way to new research on individual religion the topic of religion and globalization is complex susceptible to a great variety of approaches this book combines contributions from many authors who examine a wide range of subjects ranging from overall theoretical considerations to detailed regional perspectives no single understanding of either religion or globalization is privileged the discursive study of religion is a growing field that attracts increasing numbers of students and researchers from a wide variety of disciplinary backgrounds this volume is the first systematic presentation of the research into religion and discourse written by experts from various disciplines each chapter offers an integrative overview of theory method and contextual studies by focusing on a specific approach interdisciplinary relationship controversy or theme in the field taking the discursive dimension in the production of knowledge seriously the book also provides a critical analysis of academic practice and explores new forms of

scholarly communication including open peer review the collected volume will appeal to scholars and postgraduate students across a variety of disciplines including religious studies history of religion sociology of religion discourse studies cultural studies and area studies what does religion mean to the individual how are people religious and what do their beliefs practices and identities mean to them the individual's place within studies of religion has tended to be overlooked recently in favour of macro analyses religion and the individual draws together authors from around the world to explore belief practice and identity using original case studies and other work firmly placed in the empirical contributors discuss what religious belief means to the individual they examine how people embody what religion means to them through practice considering the different meanings that people attach to religion and the social expressions of their personal understandings and the ways in which religion shapes how people see themselves in relation to others this work is cross cultural with contributions from asia europe and north america this introductory text explores the historical and contemporary relevance of religion to social life through an examination of practice and belief author hunt reconsiders how theories and concepts are lived at the level of selfhood and cultural identity through religious and spiritual belief at the same time he looks at contemporary changes in religious life and how these are impacted by socialization institutional belonging and belief and at the significance of class gender age and ethnicity individual chapters cover a range of issues such as religion identity and community secularization and pluralism traditional christianity change and continuity globalization and the global context religion and ethnicity the text challenges much current sociological thought and deals with contemporary christianity a range of world faiths and new and developing expressions of religion and spirituality with tables and diagrams to illustrate key points and trends it provides an accessible and captivating introduction to the sociology of religion religion is an important part of individual lives playing a major role in our decision making and purchasing understanding the influence of religion on consumer behaviour is therefore an essential practice for business the covid 19 pandemic has especially enhanced the influence of consumers religiosity on their consumption decisions this book concentrates on understanding the relationship of religiosity with various aspects of consumption and consumer behaviour to improve policy and build on an underrepresented topic in this edited collection expert contributors academicians and researchers discuss the influence of religion on consumer behaviour in depth including the dark side of religion on consumers consumption behaviour and religious cults the chapters also explore the ethical issues surrounding consumption and the role of religion on branding and sustainable practices with a broad perspective the book draws on examples of practices from christianity islam hinduism and buddhism this book will be a particularly valuable resource for scholars and upper level students of marketing consumer behaviour and consumer psychology the interdisciplinary perspectives will also appeal to those studying sociology and globalization what is the future of religion given the responses of young people what impact do existing religious forms have on youth what kind of spirituality and religion are young people creating for themselves religion and youth presents an accessible guide to the key issues in the study of youth and religion including methodological perspectives it provides a key teaching text in these areas for undergraduates and a book of rigorous scholarship for postgraduates academics and practitioners offering the first comprehensive international perspective on the sociology of youth and religion this book reveals key geographical and organisational variables as well as the complexities of the engagement between youth and religion the book is divided into six parts organised around central themes generation x and their legacy the big picture surveys of belief and practice in the usa uk and australia expression how young people construct and live out their religion and spirituality identity the role of religion in shaping young people's sense of self and social belonging transmission passing on the faith or not researching youth religion debates issues and techniques in researching young people's religion and spirituality james a beckford writes the foreword and linda woodhead the epilogue reflecting the very latest developments in the field the new companion provides a comprehensive introduction to the sociology of religion with a clear emphasis on comparative and historical approaches covers major debates in secularization theory rational choice theory feminism and the body takes a multidisciplinary approach covering history sociology anthropology and religious studies international in its scope covering american exceptionalism native american spirituality and china europe and southeast asia offers discussions on the latest developments including megachurches spirituality post secular society and globalization what is religion how does it work many natural abilities of the human mind are involved and crucial among them is the ability to use language this volume brings together research from linguistics cognitive science and neuroscience as well as from religious studies to understand the phenomena of religion as a distinctly human enterprise the book is divided into three parts each part preceded by a full introductory chapter by the editors that discusses modern scientific approaches to religion and the application of modern linguistics particularly cognitive linguistics and pragmatics part i surveys the development of modern studies of religious language

and the diverse disciplinary strands that have emerged beginning with descriptive approaches to religious language and the problem of describing religious concepts across languages chapters introduce the turn to cognition in linguistics and also in theology and explore the brain's contrasting capacities in particular its capacity for language and metaphor part ii continues the discussion of metaphor the natural ability by which humans draw on basic knowledge of the world in order to explore abstractions and intangibles specialists in particular religions apply conceptual metaphor theory in various ways covering several major religious traditions buddhism christianity hinduism islam and judaism part iii seeks to open up new horizons for cognitive linguistic research on religion looking beyond written texts to the ways in which language is integrated with other modalities including ritual religious art and religious electronic media chapters in part iii introduce readers to a range of technical instruments that have been developed within cognitive linguistics and discourse analysis in recent years what unfolds ultimately is the idea that the embodied cognition of humans is the basis not only of their languages but also of their religions in religion migration settlement tuomas martikainen provides an account of the impact of immigration on the field of religion in finland since the 1990s as a historical country of emigration that has turned into one of immigration finland provides an illuminating case study of the complexities of post cold war migration the book analyses processes of migrant settlement from the viewpoint of religious organisations by applying theoretical perspectives to immigrant integration global local dynamics governance of religious diversity processes of migrant settlement and structural adaptation the book is of relevance to those grappling with the impact of international migration on contemporary religious developments the oxford handbook of the sociology of religion draws on the expertise of an international team of scholars providing both an entry point into the sociological study and understanding of religion and an in depth survey into its changing forms and content in the contemporary world the role and impact of religion and spirituality on the politics culture education and health in the modern world is rigorously discussed and debated the study of the sociology of religion forges interdisciplinary links to explore aspects of continuity and change in the contemporary interface between society and religion using a combination of theoretical methodological and content led approaches the fifty seven contributors collectively emphasise the complex relationships between religion and aspects of life from scientific research to law ecology to art music to cognitive science crime to institutional health care and more the developing character of religion irreligion and atheism and the impact of religious diversity on social cohesion are explored an overview of current scholarship in the field is provided in each themed chapter with an emphasis on encouraging new thinking and reflection on familiar and emergent themes to stimulate further debate and scholarship the resulting essay collection provides an invaluable resource for research and teaching in this diverse discipline

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what is the appropriate role of religion in scholarship and teaching covering topics ranging from religious influences in faculty lives to questions of academic freedom proselytization and appropriate limits to religious expression within the academy this book seeks to promote faculty self awareness and encourage dialogue with colleagues

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Religion 2008

what do we talk about when we talk about religion is it an array of empirical facts about historical human civilizations or is religion what is in essence unpredictable perhaps the very emergence of the new in what ways are the legacies of religion its powers words things and gestures reconfiguring themselves as the elementary forms of life in the twenty first century given the latin roots of the word religion and its historical christian uses what sense if any does it make to talk about religion in other traditions where might we look for common elements that would enable us to do so has religion as an overarching concept lost all its currency or

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Sociology 2014-04-30

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like any other subject the study of religion is a child of its time shaped and forged over the course of the twentieth century it has reflected the interests and political situation of the world at the time as the twenty first century unfolds it is undergoing a major transition along with religion itself this volume showcases new work and new approaches to religion which work across boundaries of religious tradition academic discipline and region the influence of globalizing processes has been evident in social and cultural networking by way of new media like the internet in the extensive power of global capitalism and in the increasing influence of international bodies and legal instruments religion has been changing and adapting too this handbook offers fresh insights on the dynamic reality of religion in global societies today by underscoring transformations in eight key areas market and branding contemporary ethics and virtues intimate identities transnational movements diasporic communities responses to diversity national tensions and reflections on religion these themes demonstrate the handbook s new topics and approaches that move beyond existing agendas bringing together scholars of all ages and stages of career from around the world the handbook showcases the dynamism of religion in global societies it is an accessible introduction to new ways of approaching the study of religion practically theoretically and geographically

Routledge International Handbook of Religion in Global Society 2020-11-29

peter beyer has been a central figure in the debate about religion and globalization for many years this volume is a collection of essays on the relation between religion and globalization with special emphasis on the concept of religion its modern forms and

on the relation of religion to the state featuring a newly written introduction and conclusion which frame the volume and offer the reader guidance on how the arguments fit together this book brings together ten previously published pieces which focus on the institutional forms and concept of religion in the context of globalizing and modern society the guiding theme that they all share is the idea that religion and globalization are historically conceptually and institutionally related what has come to constitute religion and what social roles religion plays are not manifestations of a timeless essence called religion or even a requirement of human societies in concept and institutional form religion is an expression of the historical process of globalization above all during modern centuries what religion has become is one of the outcomes of the successive transformations and developments that have brought about contemporary global society including some of the most important theoretical work in the field of religion and globalization this collection provokes the reader to consider paths for future research in the area and will be of great interest to students and scholars of religion and politics globalization and religion and sociology

Religion in the Context of Globalization *2013-07-24*

religion in the contemporary west is undergoing rapid change in predicting religion twenty experts in the study of religion present their predictions about the future of religion in the 21st century predictions based on careful analysis of the contemporary religious scene from traditional forms of christianity to new spiritualities the range of predictions is broad a number predict further secularization with religion in the west seen as being in a state of terminal decline others question this approach and suggest that we are witnessing not decline but transformation understood in different ways a shift from theism to pantheism from outer to inner authority from god to self as god and above all from religion to spirituality this accessible book on the contemporary religious scene offers students and scholars of the sociology of religion and theology as well as interested general readers fresh insights into the future of religion and spirituality in the west published in association with the british sociological association study of religion group in the ashgate religion and theology in interdisciplinary perspective series

Predicting Religion *2017-07-05*

alexis de tocqueville once described the national character of americans as one question insistently asked how much money will it bring in g k chesterton a century later described america as a nation with a soul of a church at first glance the two observations might appear to be diametrically opposed but this volume shows the ways in which american religion and american business overlap and interact with one another defining the us in terms of religion and religion in terms of economics bringing together original contributions by leading experts and rising scholars from both america and europe the volume pushes this field of study forward by examining the ways religions and markets in relationship can provide powerful insights and open unseen aspects into both in essays ranging from colonial american mercantilism to modern megachurches from literary markets to popular festivals the authors explore how religious behavior is shaped by commerce and how commercial practices are informed by religion by focusing on what historians often use off handedly as a metaphor or analogy the volume offers new insights into three varieties of relationships religion and the marketplace religion in the marketplace and religion as the marketplace using these categories the contributors test the assumptions scholars have come to hold and offer deeper insights into religion and the marketplace in america

Religion and the Marketplace in the United States *2015-02-12*

this book offers a fully up to date and comprehensive guide to religion in britain since 1945 a team of leading scholars provide a fresh analysis and overview with a particular focus on diversity and change they examine relations between religious and secular beliefs and institutions the evolving role and status of the churches the growth and settlement of non christian religious communities the spread and diversification of alternative spiritualities religion in welfare education media politics and law theoretical perspectives on religious change the volume presents the latest research including results from the largest ever research initiative on religion in britain the ahrc esrc religion and society programme survey chapters are combined with detailed case studies to give both breadth and depth of coverage the text is accompanied by relevant photographs and a companion website

Religion and Change in Modern Britain 2013-03-01

religion in the public sphere is one of the most debated issues in the field of law and religion this volume brings together articles which address some of the more prominent recent cases relating to religion and education religion and the workplace family law and religious symbols the essays discuss the meaning of secularism today and the difficult issue of religion in the public sphere and reflect a wide variety of viewpoints this volume maps the key elements of this multi faceted problem offers essential material and provides an important starting point for an understanding of the issues in this century old debate

Religion in the Public Space 2016-12-05

the present volume explores lesser heard and unheard issues in the study of religion among other things lived experiences of religion in higher education are interrogated culture is studied as lived experience and evangelicalism is outlined as an emic and etic concept

Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion, Volume 32 2022-05-16

this book explores neoliberalism as an account of contemporary society and considers what this means for our understanding of religion neoliberalism is a perspective grounded in free market economics and distinguished by a celebration of competition and consumer choice it has had a profound influence in societies across the world and has extended its reach into all areas of human experience and yet neoliberalism is not just about enterprise and opportunity it also comes with authoritarian leadership gross inequality and the manipulation of information how should we make sense of these changes and what do they mean for the status of religion in the 21st century has religion been transformed into a market commodity or consumer product does the embrace of business methods make religious movements more culturally relevant or can they be used to reinforce inequalities of gender or ethnicity how might neoliberal contexts demand we think differently about matters of religious identity and power this book provides an accessible discussion about religion in the 21st century mathew guest asks what distinguishes neoliberal religion and explores the sociological and ethical questions that arise from considering its wider significance

Neoliberal Religion 2022-07-14

the handbook of religion and society is the most comprehensive and up to date treatment of a vital force in the world today it is an indispensable resource for scholars students policy makers and other professionals seeking to understand the role of religion in society this includes both the social forces that shape religion and the social consequences of religion this handbook captures the breadth and depth of contemporary work in the field and shows readers important future directions for scholarship among the emerging topics covered in the handbook are biological functioning organizational innovation digital religion spirituality atheism and transnationalism the relationship of religion to other significant social institutions like work and entrepreneurship science and sport is also analyzed specific attention is paid where appropriate to international issues as well as to race class sexuality and gender differences this handbook includes 27 chapters by a distinguished diverse and international collection of experts organized into 6 major sections religion and social institutions religious organization family life course and individual change difference and inequality political and legal processes and globalization and transnationalism

Handbook of Religion and Society 2016-07-15

what is the relationship between women and secularization in the west women are abandoning traditional religion yet they continue to make up the majority of religious adherents accounting for this seeming paradox is the focus of this volume if women undergird the foundations of religion but are leaving in large numbers why are they leaving where are they going what are they doing and what s happening to those who remain women and religion in the west addresses a neglected yet crucial issue within the debate on religious belonging and departure the role of women in and out of religion and spirituality beginning with an analysis of the relationship between gender and secularization the book moves its focus to in depth examination of women s experiences based on data from key recent qualitative work on women and religion this volume addresses not only women s

place in and out of christianity the normal focus of secularization theories but also alternative spiritualities and islam asking how questions of secularization differ between faith systems this book offers students and scholars of religion sociology and women s studies as well as interested general readers an accessible work on the religiosity of western women and contributes fresh analyses of the rapidly shifting terrain of contemporary religion and spirituality

Women and Religion in the West 2013-05-28

presents entries a to l of a two volume encyclopedia discussing religion around the globe including biographies concepts and theories places social issues movements texts and traditions

Encyclopedia of Global Religion 2012

talk of spirituality and individual religion is proliferating both in popular discourse and scholarly works increasingly people claim to be spiritual but not religious or to prefer individual religion to organized religion scholars have for decades noted the phenomenon primarily within the middle class of individuals picking and choosing elements from among various religious traditions forming their own religion or spirituality for themselves while the topics of spirituality and individual religion are regularly treated as self evident by the media and even some scholars of religion capitalizing religion provides one of the first critical analyses of the phenomenon arguing that these recent forms of spirituality are in many cases linked to capitalist ideology and consumer practices examining cases such as eckhart tolle s the power of now and karen berg s god wears lipstick craig martin ultimately argues that so called individual religion is a religion of the status quo or more critically an opiate of the bourgeoisie capitalizing religion ideology and opiate of the bourgeoisie is a landmark publication in critical religious studies

Capitalizing Religion 2014-09-25

in their introduction to this handbook the editors affirm many sociologists have come to realise that it makes no sense now to omit religion from the repertoire of social scientific explanations of social life i wholeheartedly agree i also suggest that this wide ranging set of essays should become a starting point for such enquiries each chapter is clear comprehensive and well structured making the handbook a real asset for all those engaged in the field grace davie university of exeter serious social scientists who care about making sense of the world can no longer ignore the fact that religious beliefs and practices are an important part of this world this handbook is a valuable resource for specialists and amateurs alike the editors have done an exceptionally fine job of incorporating topics that illuminate the range and diversity of religion and its continuing significance throughout the world robert wuthnow princeton university at a time when religions are increasingly affecting and affected by life beyond the narrowly sacred sphere religion everywhere seems to be caught up in change and conflict in the midst of this contention and confusion the sociology of religion provides a rich source of understanding and explanation this handbook presents an unprecedentedly comprehensive assessment of the field both where it has been and where it is headed like its many distinguished contributors its topics and their coverage are truly global in their reach the handbook s 35 chapters are organized into eight sections basic theories and debates methods of studying religion social forms and experiences of religion issues of power and control in religious organizations religion and politics individual religious behaviour in social context religion self identity and the life course and case studies of china eastern europe israel japan and mexico each chapter establishes benchmarks for the state of sociological thinking about religion in the 21st century and provides a rich bibliography for pursuing its subject further overall the handbook stretches the field conceptually methodologically comparatively and historically an indispensable source of guidance and insight for both students and scholars choice outstanding academic title 2009

The SAGE Handbook of the Sociology of Religion 2007-10-29

this text offers an outstanding selection of readings that represent an overview of the key issues in the sociology of religion from a uniquely canadian perspective masterfully planned and united by clearly articulated themes the second edition moves through three thematic cornerstones contexts identities and strategies recurring sub themes include the definition of religion the secularization debate the challenge of diversity and the gendered aspects of religious experience key additions to this edition

include a discussion on cultural diversity an exploration of religion and sexuality and a thorough historical overview of religion in canada

Religion and Canadian Society 2012

examines the role of secularism and religion in jewish society and politics this book also examines issues of religion tradition and secularism in israel giving a fresh approach to the widening theoretical discussion regarding the thesis of secularisation and modernity and exploring the wider implications of this identity

Secularism and Religion in Jewish-Israeli Politics 2010-07-28

disputing the secularization hypothesis this book examines the relationship between religion and modernity detailing and explaining religious conversion revivalism and religious competition in singapore there is intellectualization of religion a shift from unthinking acceptance to rationalized religions

Rationalizing Religion 2007-04-30

many aspects of religion are puzzling these days this book looks at ways of improving our understanding of religious change by strengthening the links between social theory and the social scientific study of religion it clarifies the social processes involved in constructing religion and non religion in public and private life taking illustrations of the importance of these boundaries from studies of secularisation religious diversity globalisation religious movements and self identity james a beckford reviews the current state of social scientific knowledge about religion

Social Theory and Religion 2003-08-21

in marxism and religion leading chinese scholars unfold before our eyes theoretical explorations of religion in present day china in addition they along with senior cadres superintending religious affairs strenuously explain why the marxist view of religion still has relevance to living religions in a country undergoing deep changes unleashed by the late paramount leader deng xiaoping s reform and opening up policies mistakenly perceived by so many westerners as outdated and dogmatic quasi scholarly work in the service of communist regime s propaganda studies selected here are brainchildren of a group of creative and reform minded scholars and cadres who endeavor to uphold marxist traditions while innovatively sinicizing them hoping that their efforts will contribute to the ruling party s ideological reconstruction contributors include fang litian gao shining gong xuezheng he qimin jin ze li xiangping lü daji wang xiaochao wang zuo an ye xiaowen zhu xiaoming and zhuo xinping

Marxism and Religion 2014-02-27

grace davie is one of the best analysts of religion in contemporary sociology this book caps a distinguished record of studies of religion first of britain then of europe then globally this is a magisterial work which should be read by anyone interested in the place of religion in the modern world peter l berger boston university this book offers both an expert survey of contemporary sociology of religion and the personal reflections of one of the leading scholars in the field grace davie is a good model for students and their teachers she is clear engaging and fair minded but unafraid to express a point of view david voas university of manchester grace davie has written a book about what is currently happening in the sociology of religion which is clear accessible devoid of jargon and authoritative though addressed to the educated reader it also provides an ideal text for students if you want expert guidance about what is going on in the sociology of religion and to have useful indications about what is going on in religion on the global scene this book does the job extremely well theology why is religion still important can we be fully modern and fully religious the sociology of religion works at two levels first it sets out the agenda covering the key questions in the sociology of religion today at the same time it interrogates this agenda asking if the sociology of religion as we currently know it is fit for purpose if not what is to be done this book describes the origins of the sociology of religion demystifies secularization as a process and a theory relates religion to modern social theory unpacks the meaning of religion in relation to modernity and

globalization grasps the methodological challenges in the field provides a comparative perspective for religions in the west introduces questions of minorities and margins sets out a critical agenda for debate and research in a single volume grace davie captures the nature and forms of modern religion the current debates in the field and the prospects for future development

The Sociology of Religion 2007-04-18

this book argues that the last four decades have seen profound and important changes in the nature and social location of religion and that those changes are best understood when cast against the associated rise of consumerism and neoliberalism these transformations are often misunderstood and underestimated namely because the study of religion remains dependent on the secularisation paradigm which can no longer provide a sufficiently fruitful framework for analysis the book challenges diagnoses of transience and fragmentation by proposing an alternative narrative and set of concepts for understanding the global religious landscape the present situation is framed as the result of a shift from a national statist to a global market regime of religion adopting a holistic perspective that breaks with the current specialisation tendencies it charts the emergence of the state and the market as institutions and ideas related to social order as well as their changing rapports from classical modernity to today breaking with a tradition of western centeredness the book offers probing enquiries into indonesia and a synthesis of global and western trends this long awaited book offers a bold new vision for the social scientific study of religion and will be of great interest to all scholars of the sociology and anthropology of religion as well as religious studies in general

Religion, Modernity, Globalisation 2019-09-30

drawing on ethnographic research this book explores individualized religion in and around hebden bridge in west yorkshire claire wanless demonstrates that counter to the claims of secularization theorists the combination of informal structures and practices can provide a viable basis for socially significant religious activity that can sustain itself the subjects of this research claim a variety of religious identities and practices and are suspicious of religious institutions hierarchies rules and dogmas yet they participate actively in an overlapping and cross linking informal network of practice communities and other associations their engagements propagate and sustain a core ideology that prioritizes subjectivity locates authority at the level of the individual and also predicates itself on ideals of sharing mutuality and community providing a new theory of religious association this book is a nuanced counterpoint to the secularization thesis in the uk and points the way to new research on individual religion

Individualized Religion 2021-04-08

the topic of religion and globalization is complex susceptible to a great variety of approaches this book combines contributions from many authors who examine a wide range of subjects ranging from overall theoretical considerations to detailed regional perspectives no single understanding of either religion or globalization is privileged

Religion, Globalization, and Culture 2007-10-30

the discursive study of religion is a growing field that attracts increasing numbers of students and researchers from a wide variety of disciplinary backgrounds this volume is the first systematic presentation of the research into religion and discourse written by experts from various disciplines each chapter offers an integrative overview of theory method and contextual studies by focusing on a specific approach interdisciplinary relationship controversy or theme in the field taking the discursive dimension in the production of knowledge seriously the book also provides a critical analysis of academic practice and explores new forms of scholarly communication including open peer review the collected volume will appeal to scholars and postgraduate students across a variety of disciplines including religious studies history of religion sociology of religion discourse studies cultural studies and area studies

Discourse Research and Religion 2020-11-09

what does religion mean to the individual how are people religious and what do their beliefs practices and identities mean to them

the individual's place within studies of religion has tended to be overlooked recently in favour of macro analyses religion and the individual draws together authors from around the world to explore belief practice and identity using original case studies and other work firmly placed in the empirical contributors discuss what religious belief means to the individual they examine how people embody what religion means to them through practice considering the different meanings that people attach to religion and the social expressions of their personal understandings and the ways in which religion shapes how people see themselves in relation to others this work is cross cultural with contributions from asia europe and north america

Religion and the Individual 2016-04-08

this introductory text explores the historical and contemporary relevance of religion to social life through an examination of practice and belief author hunt reconsiders how theories and concepts are lived at the level of selfhood and cultural identity through religious and spiritual belief at the same time he looks at contemporary changes in religious life and how these are impacted by socialization institutional belonging and belief and at the significance of class gender age and ethnicity individual chapters cover a range of issues such as religion identity and community secularization and pluralism traditional christianity change and continuity globalization and the global context religion and ethnicity the text challenges much current sociological thought and deals with contemporary christianity a range of world faiths and new and developing expressions of religion and spirituality with tables and diagrams to illustrate key points and trends it provides an accessible and captivating introduction to the sociology of religion

Religion and Everyday Life 2013-01-11

religion is an important part of individual lives playing a major role in our decision making and purchasing understanding the influence of religion on consumer behaviour is therefore an essential practice for business the covid 19 pandemic has especially enhanced the influence of consumers religiosity on their consumption decisions this book concentrates on understanding the relationship of religiosity with various aspects of consumption and consumer behaviour to improve policy and build on an underrepresented topic in this edited collection expert contributors academicians and researchers discuss the influence of religion on consumer behaviour in depth including the dark side of religion on consumers consumption behaviour and religious cults the chapters also explore the ethical issues surrounding consumption and the role of religion on branding and sustainable practices with a broad perspective the book draws on examples of practices from christianity islam hinduism and buddhism this book will be a particularly valuable resource for scholars and upper level students of marketing consumer behaviour and consumer psychology the interdisciplinary perspectives will also appeal to those studying sociology and globalization

Religion and Consumer Behaviour 2023-02-28

what is the future of religion given the responses of young people what impact do existing religious forms have on youth what kind of spirituality and religion are young people creating for themselves religion and youth presents an accessible guide to the key issues in the study of youth and religion including methodological perspectives it provides a key teaching text in these areas for undergraduates and a book of rigorous scholarship for postgraduates academics and practitioners offering the first comprehensive international perspective on the sociology of youth and religion this book reveals key geographical and organisational variables as well as the complexities of the engagement between youth and religion the book is divided into six parts organised around central themes generation x and their legacy the big picture surveys of belief and practice in the usa uk and australia expression how young people construct and live out their religion and spirituality identity the role of religion in shaping young people's sense of self and social belonging transmission passing on the faith or not researching youth religion debates issues and techniques in researching young people's religion and spirituality james a beckford writes the foreword and linda woodhead the epilogue

Religion and Youth 2016-04-08

reflecting the very latest developments in the field the new companion provides a comprehensive introduction to the sociology of

religion with a clear emphasis on comparative and historical approaches covers major debates in secularization theory rational choice theory feminism and the body takes a multidisciplinary approach covering history sociology anthropology and religious studies international in its scope covering american exceptionalism native american spirituality and china europe and southeast asia offers discussions on the latest developments including megachurches spirituality post secular society and globalization

The New Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Religion 2010-03-02

what is religion how does it work many natural abilities of the human mind are involved and crucial among them is the ability to use language this volume brings together research from linguistics cognitive science and neuroscience as well as from religious studies to understand the phenomena of religion as a distinctly human enterprise the book is divided into three parts each part preceded by a full introductory chapter by the editors that discusses modern scientific approaches to religion and the application of modern linguistics particularly cognitive linguistics and pragmatics part i surveys the development of modern studies of religious language and the diverse disciplinary strands that have emerged beginning with descriptive approaches to religious language and the problem of describing religious concepts across languages chapters introduce the turn to cognition in linguistics and also in theology and explore the brain's contrasting capacities in particular its capacity for language and metaphor part ii continues the discussion of metaphor the natural ability by which humans draw on basic knowledge of the world in order to explore abstractions and intangibles specialists in particular religions apply conceptual metaphor theory in various ways covering several major religious traditions buddhism christianity hinduism islam and judaism part iii seeks to open up new horizons for cognitive linguistic research on religion looking beyond written texts to the ways in which language is integrated with other modalities including ritual religious art and religious electronic media chapters in part iii introduce readers to a range of technical instruments that have been developed within cognitive linguistics and discourse analysis in recent years what unfolds ultimately is the idea that the embodied cognition of humans is the basis not only of their languages but also of their religions

Religion, Language, and the Human Mind 2018-04-03

in religion migration settlement tuomas martikainen provides an account of the impact of immigration on the field of religion in finland since the 1990s as a historical country of emigration that has turned into one of immigration finland provides an illuminating case study of the complexities of post cold war migration the book analyses processes of migrant settlement from the viewpoint of religious organisations by applying theoretical perspectives to immigrant integration global local dynamics governance of religious diversity processes of migrant settlement and structural adaptation the book is of relevance to those grappling with the impact of international migration on contemporary religious developments

Religion, Migration, Settlement 2013-04-15

the oxford handbook of the sociology of religion draws on the expertise of an international team of scholars providing both an entry point into the sociological study and understanding of religion and an in depth survey into its changing forms and content in the contemporary world the role and impact of religion and spirituality on the politics culture education and health in the modern world is rigorously discussed and debated the study of the sociology of religion forges interdisciplinary links to explore aspects of continuity and change in the contemporary interface between society and religion using a combination of theoretical methodological and content led approaches the fifty seven contributors collectively emphasise the complex relationships between religion and aspects of life from scientific research to law ecology to art music to cognitive science crime to institutional health care and more the developing character of religion irreligion and atheism and the impact of religious diversity on social cohesion are explored an overview of current scholarship in the field is provided in each themed chapter with an emphasis on encouraging new thinking and reflection on familiar and emergent themes to stimulate further debate and scholarship the resulting essay collection provides an invaluable resource for research and teaching in this diverse discipline

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