The course starts on 18 September 2023 and takes place for six weeks on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 to 12 am in room F4 of Campus Einaudi.

The only materials used for the course are the ones included in the syllabus, entirely downloadable on the Moodle page of the course.

Students enrolled in the Politics and Religion course can get their mark according to two different paths:

- The 'regular' one, by getting a positive mark (at least 18 out of 30) during the final exams of January-February 2023. The test will include 3 open ended questions based on the syllabus, with 45 minutes of time.
- Only for attending students: by getting a positive mark (at least 12 out of 22) in the intermediate exam of 16 October 2022 (same modalities, but on the basis of the first 12 lessons of the course) + participating in a groupwork (the final mark will be the sum of the two scores). To qualify as an attending student, it is needed to attend at least ¾ of the lessons of the course (particularly, at least 8 out of the first 12 lessons, including both in class and online attendance).

Groupworks:

Groupworks are needed (only for attending students) to complete the last third of the mark after passing the intermediate exam. During the last three lessons of course, three/four-people groups will be evaluated (with a score between 0 and 11) on the basis of a 20 minutes presentation with slides, about the case of a religiously oriented political party. Each presentation should be based on the following schedule:

- Very short presentation of the national context (major religions of the country, history of the democratic system, its main features, electoral system adopted in the country, etc.)
- History of the party
- Ideology of the party and its positions on the most sensitive issues (and their evolution), and influence of religion (and its evolution)
- What does the case imply for (some of) the theoretical discussions analyzed during the course

    Each group will also be expected to provide a written text of their presentation of about 2000 words, with footnotes and references list. Both in the oral presentation and the written text, references to scholarly works and theses about the case will be particularly appreciated.

SUGGESTED SUBJECTS:[1]

1) Party for Freedom (The Netherlands)

2) Freedom Party (Austria)

3) Christian Democratic Party (Chile)

4) National Awakening Party (Indonesia)

5) Komeito (Japan)

6) Democratic Unionist Party (Northern Ireland)

7) Law and Justice Party (Poland)

8) Muslim League (Pakistan)

9) Hezbollah (Lebanon)

10) Fidesz (Hungary)

11) Justice and Development Party (Morocco)

12) National Action Party (Mexico)

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[1] If a group is interested in analyzing a case not included in this list, I'm ready to discuss the possibility.