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### BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will offer a global and comparative exploration of religious violence in the modern world. Religious violence is a much discussed topic in the social sciences, humanities and contemporary public sphere, but many analyses suffer from a lack of in-depth knowledge about historical, political and theological contexts in which violence (as well as peacemaking) occur. This course combines theoretical debates with a series of concrete case studies from different regions in order to probe the complex nature of the subject from a variety of perspectives. The innovative character of the course is given by its interdisciplinary approach. It brings together scholars from the fields of comparative religious studies, sociology, history and public policy as well as a prominent documentary filmmaker.

Applications are invited from doctoral students, junior faculty, and post-doctoral researchers as well as policy makers and human rights activists. The course may be of particular interest for researchers in the social sciences and humanities who are engaged in related projects and wish to enhance their comparative and interdisciplinary perspective.

All those attending the course will be provided by CEU with a Certificate of Attendance.

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For further academic information on the course and on eligibility criteria and funding options please visit the web site at

<http://summer.ceu.edu/religiousviolence-2015>

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