

FALL 2024 PHIL 109, "PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION" (ONLINE ASYNCHRONOUS) INSTRUCTOR: JANET GIDDINGS (janet.giddings@sjsu.edu)

This course surveys ideas, terms and concepts in religious belief and expressions, religious literacy, religions and gender, politics and power. Our study considers religions of east/west origins.

While we survey historical ideas in the study of religion, we go beyond the standard topics: evil, karma, God, etc. and consider more recent ideas and views using philosophical methods to analyze and critically engage with ideas and arguments. Atheism, anti-theism, agnosticism, nones, philosophical theology, radical theology/God is Dead, Decoloniality, politics and the new Christendom, philosophical differences in Hinduism, varieties of religious experience, and more. We also give consideration as to how secularism has challenged religious traditions.

