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# History of Contemporary Christianity (semester 1, 6 ECTS credits)

## Prof. Raffaella Perin

***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

*Christianity and politics. Churches facing the challenge of modernity*

The aim of the course is to introduce the main themes of the relationship between Christianity and politics throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. The course will present and discuss a number of works by Italian and international historians that have shaped the study of the history of contemporary Christianity. By the end of the course, students will have learned the main historical facts concerning the Christian Churches in the 19th and 20th centuries, and acquired skills on the major historical strands of contemporary Christianity.

***COURSE CONTENT***

* The Christian Churches and secularisation
* The Churches and modern freedoms
* Christianity in the face of totalitarianism
* Churches, war and peace
* The turning point of the Council
* Christianity and democracy
* Christianities and globalisation

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures the active engagement of students in reading and interpreting sources. Students will use multimedia audio and video tools.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Attending students will be assessed by means of an oral exam on:

* their preparation of the textbook *Storia del cristianesimo vol. IV, L’età contemporanea (secoli XIX-XXI)*, edited by Giovanni Vian, Carocci, Rome, 2023 [only the 2023 updated version].
* Study of the lecture notes including the texts used and presented in lectures, made available by the lecturer on Blackboard.

In the oral exam, students must demonstrate that they know the key facts, distinctions and concepts of the history of modern and contemporary Christianity; and that they can navigate the themes and issues addressed during the course, in the textbook and in the texts presented in lectures.

Non-attending students will be assessed by means of an oral exam on the following texts:

* *Storia del cristianesimo* vol. IV, *L’età contemporanea (secoli XIX-XXI)*, edited by Giovanni Vian, Carocci, Rome, 2023. [only the updated 2023 version].
* Giovanni Miccoli, *Il mito della cristianità*, edited by D. Menozzi, Edizioni della Normale, Pisa, 2017.
* Jean Baubérot, *Storia del protestantesimo. Da Lutero al movimento pentecostale*, Claudiana, Turin, 2018, only pp. 67-107.

In the oral exam, students must demonstrate that they know information, distinctions and concepts of the history of modern and contemporary Christianity; and that they can navigate the themes and issues addressed in the textbooks and specialist texts.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

There are no prerequisites for the course.

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# History of Contemporary Christianity (semester 2, 6 ECTS credits)

## Prof. Raffaella Perin

***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

*The Catholic Church and anti-Semitism: from the ghetto to Jewish-Christian dialogue*

The course aims to provide students with methodologies for critically reading sources concerning Jewish-Catholic relations from the modern age to the present day. By the end of the course, students will be able to examine the different types of sources using a critical historical method and will be familiar with international historiography on anti-Jewish Catholic prejudice, the Catholic Church’s attitude toward anti-Semitism and the Holocaust, and on the change made by the Second Vatican Council in relations between Christianity and Judaism.

***COURSE CONTENT***

The course will address the study of the relations between the Catholic Church and Jews from the modern age to the present day. Through the illustration of the different historical strands and the critical historical analysis of the sources, it will retrace the decisive stages that have characterised relations between Catholics and Jews: from anti-Judaism to anti-Semitism (Catholic), from the attitude of the Holy See to the racist laws of the 1920s and 1930s, and the policy of Pius XII in World War II, and from the Second Vatican Council to Jewish-Christian dialogue.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures will actively engage students in reading and interpreting sources. Students will use multimedia audio and video tools.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Attending students will be assessed by means of an oral exam on:

* their grasp of the lecture notes including the material (articles, documents, images and videos) distributed or made available by the lecturer in electronic format.
* their preparation of the text Th. Kaufmann, *Gli ebrei di Lutero*, Claudiana, Turin, 2016.
* a written paper of up to 10,000 characters (including spaces) on a book agreed with the lecturer. At the beginning of the course, a series of volumes will be presented on the relationship between Christians and Jews in contemporary times, from which the student can choose according to their interests and curiosity.

In the oral exam, students must demonstrate that they know information, distinctions and key concepts on the history of the relationship between Christians and Jews; that they can navigate the themes and issues addressed during the course and in the specialist texts, and that they can discuss their paper on a book of their choice.

Non-attending students will be assessed by means of an oral exam on the following texts:

* G. Miccoli, *I dilemmi e i silenzi di Pio XII. Vaticano, Seconda guerra mondiale e Shoah*, Rizzoli, Milan, 2007 (or previous edition).
* G. Miccoli, *Antisemitismo e cattolicesimo*, Morcelliana, Brescia, 2013.
* Th. Kaufmann, *Gli ebrei di Lutero*, Claudiana, Turin, 2016.

In the oral exam, students must demonstrate that they know information, distinctions and key concepts on the history of the relationship between Christians and Jews; that they can navigate the themes and issues addressed during the course and in the specialist texts.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Students require basic knowledge of the history of contemporary Christianity, which they can acquire by following the semester-one course.

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# History of Contemporary Christianity (semesters 1 and 2, 12 ECTS credits)

## Prof. Raffaella Perin

***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

- Semester 1: *Christianity and politics. Churches facing the challenge of modernity*

The aim of the course is to introduce the main themes of the relationship between Christianity and politics throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. The course will present and discuss a number of works by Italian and international historians that have shaped the study of the history of contemporary Christianity. By the end of the course, students will have learned the main historical facts concerning the Christian Churches in the 19th and 20th centuries, and acquired skills on the major historical strands of contemporary Christianity.

- Semester 2: *The Catholic Church and anti-Semitism: from the ghetto to Jewish-Christian dialogue.* The course aims to provide students with methodologies for critically reading sources concerning Jewish-Catholic relations from the modern age to the present day. By the end of the course, students will be able to examine the different types of sources using a critical historical method and will be familiar with international historiography on anti-Jewish Catholic prejudice, the Catholic Church’s attitude toward anti-Semitism and the Holocaust, and on the change made by the Second Vatican Council in relations between Christianity and Judaism.

***COURSE CONTENT***

* Semester 1: The Christian Churches and secularisation; the Churches and modern liberties; Christianity in the face of totalitarianism; Churches, war and peace; the Council’s turning point; Christianity and democracy; Christianity and globalisation.

- Semester 2: The course will address the study of the relations between the Catholic Church and Jews from the modern age to the present day. Through the illustration of the different historical strands and the critical historical analysis of the sources, it will retrace the decisive stages that have characterised relations between Catholics and Jews: from anti-Judaism to anti-Semitism (Catholic), from the attitude of the Holy See to the racist laws of the 1920s and 1930s, and the policy of Pius XII in World War II, from the Second Vatican Council to Jewish-Christian dialogue.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures will engage students in reading and interpreting sources. Students will use multimedia audio and video resources.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Attending students will be assessed by means of an oral exam on:

* their preparation of the textbook *Storia del cristianesimo vol. IV, L’età contemporanea (secoli XIX-XXI)*, edited by Giovanni Vian, Carocci, Rome, 2023 [only the 2023 updated version].
* Their grasp of the lecture notes including the texts used and presented in lectures, made available by the lecturer on Blackboard.
* a written paper of up to 10,000 characters (including spaces) prepared by students in semester 2 on a book agreed with the lecturer, chosen by the student from a list of titles concerning the relationship between Christians and Jews in the contemporary age, according to their interests and curiosity.

In the oral exam, students must demonstrate that they know information, distinctions and key concepts on the history of the relationship between Christians and Jews; that they can navigate the themes and issues addressed during the course and in the specialist texts, and that they can discuss their paper on a book of their choice.

Non-attending students will be assessed by means of an oral exam on the following texts:

* *Storia del cristianesimo vol. IV, L’età contemporanea (secoli XIX-XXI)*, edited by Giovanni Vian, Carocci, Rome, 2023 [only the updated 2023 version].
* Giovanni Miccoli, *Il mito della cristianità*, a cura di D. Menozzi, Edizioni della Normale, Pisa, 2017.
* Jean Baubérot, *Storia del protestantesimo. Da Lutero al movimento pentecostale*, Claudiana, Turin, 2018, only pp. 67-107.
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***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

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