Trends in Religious Studies

Can a scholar be both a participant and an observer? The field of religious studies is embroiled in a debate between objectivity and reflexivity. In recent years, a demand for new methods that allow the scholar’s voice and participation to be present and engaged in the process of observation has created space for reflexive, narrative, intertextual, and qualitative methods. In this course, we explore religious studies through the lens of current issues such as ecology, religion and science, postcolonial approaches, politics, and the interaction of religion with race, class, and gender through the social sciences.

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