

## **Advance Topics in Philosophy of Religion**

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**Non-online. Personal attendance in Department's classroom**

**Course description:** The chasm between the ethical religion and the doctrine of the church and state religion is evident. How could that gap originate if the founder's message substantially agreed with the principle of ethical religion or, rather, with the fundamental law of reason itself? HOW can the gulf between reason and revelation ever be understood? To approach this important question, we appeal to Hegel's philosophy of religion. Hegel on the one hand is under influence of Kant and rationalists and on the other hand he comprehends the importance of the ideas of Schelling, Schleiermacher and Jacobi. Mystical, Hellenistic, and Judo-Christian traditions all influence his philosophy. To understand his way and his deep thoughts and opinions will, I think, definitely be helpful for our situation today to find our path forward. Surprisingly the difficult problems that Hegel was engaging with is our own problem here and now.

**References:** In this course we read two main texts of Hegel: His *Early Theological Writings*, and his *Lectures on Philosophy of Religion (1)*.

**Course Evaluation:** Active Engagement in the class (5), Reading the selected texts before class (10), writing a full final paper (5000-6000 words) (5).

**Course attendees:** The course is designed for our PhD students but our Master students can attend the class if they are enthusiast enough.