

Seminar A: Ritual and the History of Religions (10 ECTS), (Department of History of Religion, IKS)

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This course will examine trends and theories in the study of religious ritual, drawing primarily from the fields of Anthropology and the History of Religion. A range of religions – from around the world and throughout recorded history – appropriate to the students' backgrounds will be drawn upon to provide empirical examples, with pre-Christian Nordic paganism serving as a point of departure. Students will be expected not only to attend introductory teaching sessions, but also to contribute to discussion with their own responses to set theoretical and empirical readings. The course will also cover some fundamentals of academic writing, examining topics such as style, register, and referencing.