

New courses "The Rise of Brahmanism" & "The comparative study of religion: a new approach" by Professor Johannes Bronkhorst

Dear Students,

we invite you to join our **new special courses**:

- **The Rise of Brahmanism**, Professor Johannes Bronkhorst (WFz.KPSC-8633, 5 ECTS, 30 hours, course starts in April and ends in May).

Brahmins play a central role in Indian society and religion. The traditional view is that this has always been like that from Vedic times onward. A closer inspection of the evidence shows that the situation is more complicated. Brahmanism was a regional ideology that went through a crisis during the centuries preceding the Common Era. The Brahmanism that came out of this difficult period was in many respects quite different from what it had been before. In this new shape it interacted with other cultures and religions, and succeeded in spreading over the whole of South-Asia and into Southeast-Asia. This spread took place without the help of armies, missionaries or empires.

This course will study and analyse the factors responsible for this remarkable development, perhaps unique in human history.

Classes:

8.04 (Mon), 9.00-10.30, room 116 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
9.04 (Tue), 9.00-10.30, room 106 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
10.04 (Wed), 9.00-10.30, room 116 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
11.04 (Thu), 9.00-10.30, room 116 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
12.04 (Fri), 9.00-10.30, room 106 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
29.04 (Mon), 9.00-10.30, room 116 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
30.04 (Tue), 9.00-11.15, room 106 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
20.05 (Mon), 9.00-11.15, room 116 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
21.05 (Tue), 9.00-11.15, room 106 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
22.05 (Wed), 9.00-11.15, room 116 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
23.05 (Thu), 9.00-11.15, room 116 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
24.05 (Fri), 9.00-11.15, room 106 (Grodzka 52, II floor)

- **The comparative study of religion: a new approach**, Professor Johannes Bronkhorst (WFz.KPSC-8632, 5 ECTS, 30 hours, course starts in April and ends in May)

The comparative study of religion brings to light behaviours and beliefs that are different in different societies and yet share certain features. This course starts from the assumption that the shared features require an explanation in terms of the way the mind function. It will propose a model of mental functioning that accounts for a number of behaviours and beliefs that are commonly associated with religion, among these asceticism, sacrifice and belief in a transcendent reality.

Classes:

8.04 (Mon), 15.00-17.15, room 116 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
9.04 (Tue), 15.00-17.15, room 106 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
10.04 (Wed), 15.00-17.15, room 116 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
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12.04 (Fri), 15.00-17.15, room 106 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
29.04 (Mon), 15.00-17.15, room 116 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
30.04 (Tue), 15.00-16.30, room 106 (Grodzka 52, II floor)
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Profesor **Johannes Bronkhorst** is an Indologist and specialist on early Buddhism and a professor at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland).

You can register via USOSweb system **from March 15th to March 29th**.

Registration links:

- [The Rise of Brahmanism](#)
- [The comparative study of religion: a new approach](#)

If you have any troubles with your registration, please write an email to Mrs. Krystyna Mierzwa (krystyna.mierzwa@uj.edu.pl) giving your name, last name, student number, the title of the chosen course at KPSC and the name of the host department at the JU.