



HISTORY 31905

Christianity in the Global Age

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During the 20th century, Christianity became majority non-Western. While religious decline has become the leading story in the West, religion, including Christianity, is booming in the rest of the world. This shift from a Western-dominated religion to a global one has brought fundamental changes to both Christianity and global society. Global Christians are more likely to be poor; female; non-white and minority; subject to religious persecution, and charismatic than their Western counterparts. This shift in the world's Christian population is having far-reaching social, cultural, economic, legal, political, and religious effects on global societies

This course traces the causes and consequences of these developments from the perspective of Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Topics include: religious persecution; religious freedom; religious majorities and minorities; human rights; imperialism and post-imperialism, global migration and economic development; cooperation and conflict within and between religions; reverse missions, non-Western theologies and worship; and charismatic growth.

Students select a contemporary global religious issue to explore as a project.