

MA Cultural Astronomy and Astrology Astral Religion seminars 2019

Note – all dates are on THURSDAY

	Time	Date	Main topic	Second Topic
Induction		Week Beginning 4 February	There is no seminar this week. Please make sure you review the Moodle page.	
Week 1	4 pm GMT	14 Feb	General introductions; Introduction to the module; Essay topics What is a religion? Is astrology a religion?	
Week 2	4 pm GMT	21 Feb	Bernadette Brady: Introduction to Egyptian cosmology and the stars in Egyptian religion. Nick Campion: Hermeticism and Modern Legacy of Egypt	Writing a Critical Review
Week 3	4 pm GMT	28 Feb	Nick: Classical religion: celestial deities; the mysteries of Mithras Bernadette Brady: Churches Astrology as a material religion	Student engagement outline next week (5 mins)
Week 4	4 pm GMT	7 March	Nick: Judaism; Christianity Material Religion (including Durkheim)	Student engagement: an object with sacred significance (To Begin seminar)
Week 5	4 pm GMT	14 March	Islam; Vernacular Religion + Frances Clynes: Online Religion	Student engagement: an experience of the sacred (To Begin seminar)
Week 6	4 pm GMT	21 March	Ronnie Dreyer: India. The Kumbh Mela.	
Week 7	4 pm GMT	28 March	Nick: is Astrology a Religion Nick: Indigeneity	Student engagement: an experience of a religious festival (To Begin seminar) Student presentations of essay outlines
Week 8	4 pm GMT (BRITISH CLOCKS MOVE)	4 April	New Age spirituality; Paganism.	Student presentations of essay outlines (1 hour)

	FORWARD BY ONE HOUR			Final conclusion
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