

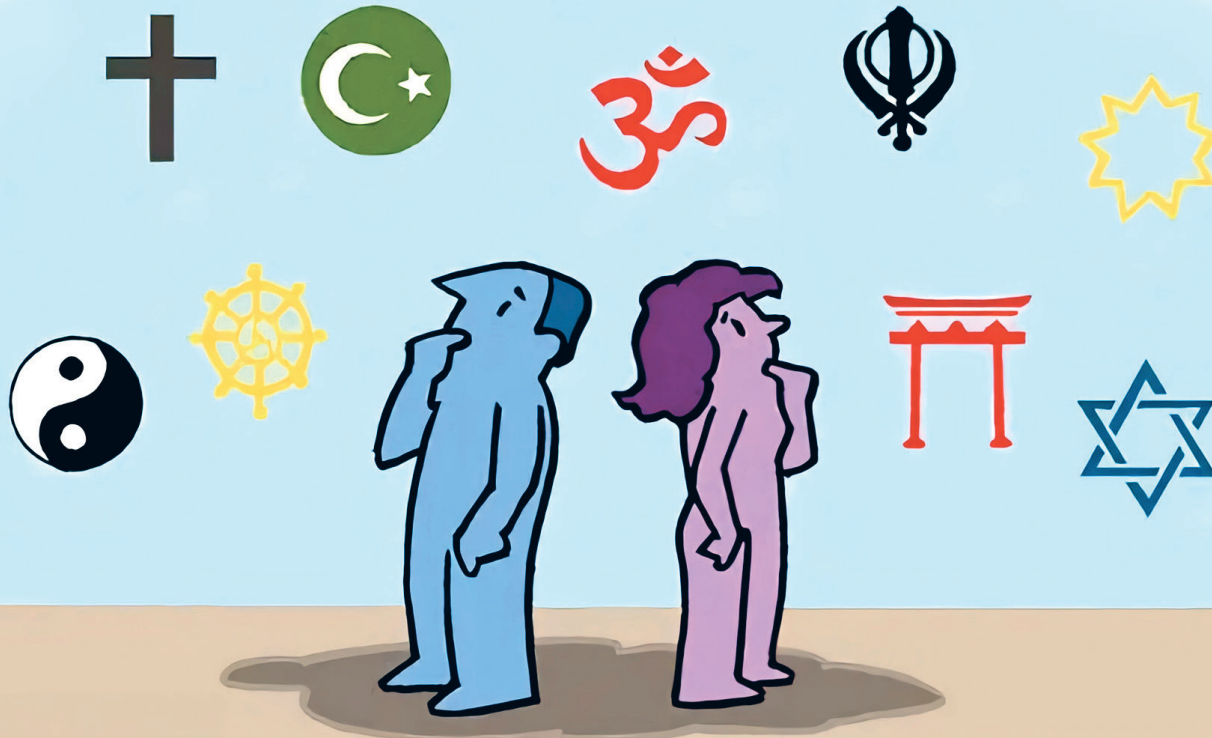
# Religious Conflicts and Coping Strategies

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Many conflicts, present and past, are perceived and problematized as religious. But what does it exactly mean to call a conflict “religious”? This Summer School offers an opportunity to explore a new model for a context-sensitive analysis of the role religion can play in conflicts. It also introduces the concept of coping strategies for conflicts involving religion. The analytical model and the concept of coping with religious conflicts was developed by an interdisciplinary research group based in Bern. It outlines the various economic, political, social, cultural, historical and psychological factors which contribute to conflicts as well as their respecti-

ve relationships to religious convictions, motivations, protagonists, teachings and rituals. Through problem-based case studies and interdisciplinary engagement, the students will learn to use this analytical model and evaluate various coping strategies for specific religious conflicts. The Summer School comprises keynote lectures held by high-profile researchers, workshops to train and sharpen students’ competence with analyzing the role of religion in conflicts and coping strategies, a workshop on intercultural learning, a visit in the worldwide unique Bernese “House of Religions” and a final one-day seminar with presentations by the students.

**Who can participate?** Advanced Bachelor and Master students. Participation is limited to 20 students.

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Fees:** Early bird registration 150 CHF  
Regular registration 200 CHF

The registration fee includes course participation, an “icebreaker” and final drinks reception, supervision and materials. Accommodation (additional): 310 CHF

**Registration:** Early bird 25 April 2025  
Regular deadline 19 May 2025

**Further Information:**  
[religious-conflicts.unibe.ch/summerschool](https://religious-conflicts.unibe.ch/summerschool)

