Global Seminar II 2024
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Courses

- Religion 145
- CAT 125
University of California, San Diego
Global Seminars I
Summer 2024

**CAT 125**
Religion & the Posthuman Future

Monday & Tuesday
Lectures & discussions
2:00pm-4:00pm

Wednesday, Thursday Excursions

**Summer Session I**
July 1-August 3
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This course offers an introduction to the study of religion and posthumanism. It examines how information technologies facilitate or transform religious practices and discourses in the context of societal processes, and in doing so radically challenge traditional religious understandings of human. The notion of posthuman is, therefore, meant to explore ways in which human transformation into deities can be realized through new technologies. More specifically, the course examines the intersection of neuroscience, robotic technologies, and digital practices in the configuration of new human behaviors and new states of consciousness. Considering the broader relationship between religion and modernity, we will explore older and emerging media such as television, internet, and cellphone to understand how religion interacts with technology. With South
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REL 145  
Communication, Technology, and Religion

Monday & Tuesday  
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10:00am-1:00pm

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Course days

- Mondays: 9-12pm
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- Tuesdays: 12:30pm
Wednesdays and Thursdays: Excursion Days
Friday, Saturdays, and Sundays