This course aims to explore the subject of religion and religious minorities in the making of citizenship in modern Europe, a topic which has long been relegated to the margins. Most scholars of citizenship have focused on civil, political and economic/social citizenship (following T.H. Marshall), while others, especially those working on the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, have been preoccupied with immigration and the holy trinity of race, class and gender. This course will attempt to rediscover the extent to which religion and religious minorities were part of the historical process through which the theory and practice of citizenship emerged.

The course begins with some broad readings to establish the multiple notions and discourses of citizenship (week 1) so that we have a common language and toolkit of concepts.

The first unit focuses on “toleration” and legal statuses in early modern Europe.
The second unit will consider the role of religion in notions of “equality” and “citizenship” in the long nineteenth century, circa 1780-1914.
The third unit will consider the role of religion and religious minorities in the post WW1 period.