

## **Emnerapport RELV208/RELV308 H2017**

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#### **Gjennomføring**

The course consisted of 10 lectures and a school exam. The ninth and tenth lectures were held on the same day because of sick leave. The first lecture was an introductory one, the second was about the key terms and related theoretical and methodological problems, the third one consisted of discussions about sources and source criticism, the fourth one was about the inside/outside problems and the theories that have been applied to Saami religion. The fifth lecture was about sacred places and rituals, sixth about different deities and other mythological beings and the seventh was about religious specialists and theories of “shamanism”. The eighth lecture was about missionaries and religious change to Christianity and the ninth about Saami Christianity, continuity and more recent developments. The tenth lecture summarised and discussed what the students had learnt throughout the course.

There were no practical difficulties, even though the computer in the classroom was slow and the room was often occupied by a previous group until the beginning of the lectures (12:15), which created problems in keeping in time with the beginnings of the lectures.

The students were active in the lectures, even though it seemed that not many of them had the time to read the recommended literature prior to the lectures. In addition, one student sent questions to me in between lectures, which I tried to answer to the best of my knowledge.

#### **Strykprosent, frafall, karakterfordeling**

The attendance varied from one student to seven students. Most lectures had 3-4 students present. 4 students took the exam.

#### **Pensum og tilgang til relevant litteratur**

The pensum consisted of 1400 pages. Two printed books (one monograph and one article collection) in their entirety, one book in its entirety and parts of two books available online as pdf files. Two articles were available for download through the university library. Parts of three books and one article were available through the literature kiosk.

According to the students, both of the printed books were not available through the library for all students throughout the course. The library did not have enough copies for the course books either. The online resources were in my understanding available quite well.

#### **Studieinformasjon og dokumentasjon**

There was no problem with the documentation or information given to students, to my knowledge.

#### **Kursevaluering**

There was no written evaluation. The oral feedback I got was mostly positive, but the students felt that they would have liked to read more sources to make the best of the source critical focus of the course. One of the books was also thought to be too “popular” in nature. Also the source critical problems taken up during the course created confusion, which can be due to the complexity of the sources. These comments about the literature will be taken heed of in the future.

#### **Samlet vurdering og forbedring til fremtiden**

The course seemed to work well as a whole, but in the future some things and parts of the pensum can be adjusted according to experience and feedback. The course will be given again in the autumn of 2018, and the pensum and lectures will be adjusted accordingly. I expect more students to take the course next year, because I will have a chance to promote it in the lectures on Saami religion on the RELV105 course. A more active advertisement will also be possible during the spring. This time I hope the lectures will not crash with other 200/300 level courses, as was apparently the case this year.