Beliefs in society

Unit 1

Science and society

- The social construction of reality
- The social construction of science
- Science in late modern and postmodern society

Unit 2 Ideology

- What is ideology?
- Marxism
- Feminism
- Political ideologies
 Liberal
 Conservative

Conservative Socialist

Unit 3

Theories of religion

- Defining religion
- Functionalist
- Marxist
- Neo-Marxist
- Feminist
- Weberian
- Interpretivist
- Postmodernist

Unit 4 Religio

Religion and social change

Theories

Marxist Feminist

Functionalist

Weberian

Fundamentalism

Christian

Islamic

1 Different theories of ideology, science and religion, including both Christian and non-Christian religious traditions

Trengious traditions

2 The relationship between religious beliefs and social change and stability

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5 The significance of religion and religiosity in the contemporary world, including the nature and extent of secularisation in a global context 4 The relationship between different social groups and religious/ spiritual organisations and movements, beliefs and practices including cults, sects, denominations, churches and New Age movements, and their relationship to religious and spiritual belief and practice

3 Religious

organisations,

Unit 5 Religious organisations and movements

- Church
- Cult
- New religious movements World-accommodating World-affirming World-rejecting
- The New Age movement

Unit 8 Contemporary religion – a global perspective

- Religious resurgence
- Theories Defensive Proactive

Unit 7

Secularisation

- Definitions

 Disappearance

 Differentiation
- Versions
- Approaches Narrow Broad
- Evidence
- Theories

 Marx

Weber Berger Wilson

Durkheim Postmodernist

Spiritual revolution thesis Religion in the USA

Unit 6 Explaining religious movements

- Sects
- Cults
- New religious movements World-affirming World-rejecting
- The New Age movement
- Development

Sects

New religious movements