

Home exam questions

Choose one of the two following questions, and submit your paper underneath:

1) Global violent jihadism has increased during the past decades. What are the main ideological issues that many groups share and how would you explain their recruitment and growth?

OR:

2) Describe some main approaches in female terrorism research. Discuss the relevance of these approaches for understanding women in radical religious movements in South-Asia and the Islamic State.

Guidelines for the take home exam

The assessment for SOS2700 - Religious fundamentalism, extremism and violence consists of a 3-day home exam. The evaluation of the assignment will constitute the final grade for the course.

In the evaluation of the assignment, importance is placed upon the following points:

- All parts of the assignment have been answered.
- The candidate describes clearly their understanding of the question and its limits.
- The assignment demonstrates the candidate's ability to present both theory and empirical material.
- The assignment makes use of relevant parts of the syllabus literature (some literature not on the syllabus may be used sparingly).
- The assignment sets out interesting points of discussion and proceeds from these points.

To pass the assignment the candidate must show sociological understanding of the topics the course covers; be able to discuss theories, concepts and empirical knowledge; and be able to connect concepts to each other and to the material being discussed.

Practical information about the examination

The exam is published in Inpera at 10:00 am on the first day of the exam. You submit your exam paper in Inpera before 2:00 pm on the last day of the exam. Inpera closes the examination automatically at precisely 2 pm, so in practice you must have uploaded your file by 1:59 pm.

- The assignment should be within the range 3000 - 4000 words.
- Use 12 point font size and a line spacing of 1 1/2.
- The assignment must start with a summary of approximately 10 lines.
- The assignment shall have numbered pages.
- The reference list must conclude with the statement "All sources used in this assignment have been declared".
- For guidelines on reference use, see: Sources and references.
- The following information should appear on the front page of the thesis:
 1. The course code and course name
 2. Date of submission
 3. Candidate number (your name should not be included anywhere in the assignment)
 4. The total number of words in the assignment (front page, summary, bibliography and any attachments are not included)

Submission of the exam

The file you provide must be in PDF format (.pdf). The file must be stored as *course code_candidate number*, for example: SOS2700_1234.pdf. Other formats (such as .docx, .pages or .odt) will not be accepted by Inspira. For help saving as a PDF file, see the [university's guidelines](#).

How to structure your paper

1. Introduction
2. Background and theory
3. Discussion
4. Conclusion

Useful resources:

- [Academic writing centre](#)

How to use references

When writing your assignment/thesis, you are required to site the sources that you use. This includes books and articles, but also newspapers, internet sources, TV-shows, lectures, public documents, leaflets etc.

Referencing a source is necessary when you site a source directly, but also when you build upon an argument without a direct citation – if the idea or argument is not your own, you must reference where you got the idea from.

When you use references in your text you include author, year and page if you quote passages of text, e.g. (Birrell 1972:14). If you refer to ideas that are presented, without quotations, you include author and year in the reference, e.g. (Birrell 1972)

Book references:

- Parriot, D. P. & C. F. Carter. (1972), *The Northern Ireland Problem. A Study in Group Relation* . 2. ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Journal Article references:

- Birrell, D. (1972), "Relative Deprivation as a Factor in Northern Ireland." *The Sociological Review*, 20: 317–329

Section in a book, edited by another person:

- Dølvik, J. E. and T. A. Stokke (1998), "Norway: The Revival of Centralized Concertation", in A. Ferner & R. Hyman: *Changing Industrial Relations in Europe*(118–145). Oxford: Blackwell Publishers

Web references:

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