1 hr (choose 1 of 2) --

*Is there an "elective affinity" (as Max Weber puts it) between particular religious orientations or traditions, on the one hand, and certain patterns of gender stratification on the other? How does religion serve as a plausibility structure for patriarchy, and for challenges to patriarchal systems?

*Numerous researchers have discussed the growth of conservative religious groups in the latter half of the 20th century. What evidence indicates this pattern of growth? Which specific groups exemplify this pattern? What are the major explanations that are advanced to account for this trend? What does the evidence suggest?