

THEO 5142 Issues facing churches today 今日教會面對的問題

2016-17 2nd Term Thurs 9:30 -12:15

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1. Course description:

The church is called by God and sent to the world to be God's witness in order to unmask the idols of death, on the one hand and proclaim the God of life, on the other. How to understand the everyday life and to be the Church in everyday life thereby are the basic concerns. This course is a study of ecclesiology and missiology through a serious reflection of Christian engagement in contemporary world with the contribution of ethics and social theory.

2. Learning outcomes:

- 1 Knowledge outcomes
 - A) To gain a deeper knowledge of ecclesiology and missiology.
 - B) To understand what kind of and the nature of issues the churches are facing.
- 2 Skill outcomes
 - A) To be equipped with multi-disciplinary approaches to identify, articulate and understand the contemporary issues facing churches.
 - B) To acquire necessary knowledge for theological construction.
- 3 Attitude outcomes
 - A) To raise a sense of theological awareness.

3. Course content and schedule

| Date | Topic | Relevant Readings |
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| Jan 12 | Setting the scene: Globalization and Christian mission | Turner, Chapters 1-7. https://www.lausanne.org/wp-content/uploads/2007/06/LOP30_IG1.pdf |
| Jan 19 | Setting the scene: A survey of Christian ecumenical bodies | 阮美賢著 (2005) |
| Jan 26 | Christian social imagery | Hauerwas, Stanley. (1983) <i>The Peaceable Kingdom</i> . Notre Dame, University of Notre Dame. Stassen, Glen H. and David P. Gushee. (2003) <i>Kingdom Ethics</i> . |

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| | | Downers Grove, IVP. (中譯本) |
| Feb 2 | Chinese New Year Holiday | |
| Feb 9 | Good Order (1) : Democracy, liberalism and communitarianism | |
| Feb 16 | Good Order (2) : Police | |
| Feb 23 | Good Beginning and Ending (1) : Health system | |
| Mar 2 | Good Beginning and Ending (2) : Dementia and personhood | |
| Mar 9 | Good Relationships (1) : Marriage and family | |
| Mar 16 | Good Relationships (2): Discrimination | |
| Mar 23 | Good Life (1) : Work and leisure | |
| Mar 30 | Good Life (2) : Education and Spirituality | |
| Apr 6 | Good Earth (1) : Ecology and Urbanization | |
| Apr 13 | Good Earth (2) : Animal right and welfare | |
| Apr 20 | Good | |

4. Assessment schemes

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| 1 | A book review (2000 -2500 words). Choose one of the followings: Groody, Daniel G. (2010) <i>Globalization, Spirituality and Justice</i> . Maryknoll, Orbis. Ormerod, Neil J. and Shane Clifton (2009). <i>Globalization and the Mission of the Church</i> . New York, T & T Clark. (On-line) Peters, Rebecca Todd (2014). <i>Solidarity Ethics: Transformation in a Globalized World</i> . Minneapolis, Fortress Press. (On-Line) (2004). <i>In Search of the Good Life : the Ethics of Globalization</i> . New York, Continuum. | Due date: Feb 28 It carries 25% |
| 2 | 2 short Christian reflections on contemporary issues (1500 – 2000). Reference: www.weproclaimhim.com | Mar 28 Each carries 20% |
| 3 | Write a paper on a topic within any one dimension of five | Apr 30 |

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Relevant information on academic honesty and plagiarism can be allocated via:

<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty>

5. References

Heslam, Peter S. ed. (2004) *Globalization and the Good*. Grand Rapids, Mich., William B. Eerdmans.

Juergensmeyer, Mark ed. (2005) *Religion in Global Civil Society*. Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Max L. Stackhouse ed. (2000-) *God and Globalization*. Harrisburg, Pa. : Trinity Press International.

Storror, William F, Peter J. Casarella and Paul Louis Metzger eds. (2011) *A World for All? : Global Civil Society in Political Theory and Trinitarian Theology*. Grand Rapids, Mich. : W.B. Eerdmans.

Turner, Bryan S. (2010) *The Routledge International Handbook of Globalization Studies*. Abingdon, Routledge.

阮美賢著（2005）：《教會回應全球化的外國經驗》。香港，信義宗神學院。

Resources

《思》。香港，香港基督徒學會。<http://www.hkcidata1.org/database/sze/sze.html>

《教會智囊》。香港，香港中文大學崇基學院神學院。<http://www.mep.edu.hk/>

《教牧研討系列》。香港，香港中文大學崇基學院神學院。