

THEO5930 Public Theology
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Time: Friday 7:00pm-9:30pm

Venue: online teaching unitl further notice

1. Course description

The course is designed to study the publicness and theological nature of public theology from methodological, descriptive, and constructive perspectives: the meaning and characteristic of public theology, the basic ideas of representative public theologians (in Reformed tradition in particular), and theological constructive approach to public issues such as justice and human rights. It will also discuss the practice, debate and problem of public theology in the Chinese context, namely among the circles of church and academia.

2. Learning outcomes

To have a passion and vision for a healthy and theologically-informed public life.

To demonstrate Christian public responsibility and critically engage in the public discourse.

To acquire general understanding of the concept and meaning of public theology.

To achieve critical understanding of basic theological themes of public theologians.

To acquaint and analyze the issues of public theology in Chinese context.

3. Course schedule

Date °	Topic °	Relevant Readings °
Sep.11 Lect 1	Introduction: Methodological (1): What Public Theology is: theology and stewardship, authority of pubic theology °	Diekie Smit, "Notions of the Public and Doing Theology," <i>International Journal of Public</i> 1(2007): 431-454. 戴德尔·金·海恩斯沃思, 斯格特·佩斯合編,《全球社會的公共神學:向馬克斯·斯塔克豪思致敬》:布萊騰伯格,「什麼是公共神學」,頁 3-15。 斯塔克豪思著,《公共神學與政治經濟:現代社會中的基督徒管家職分》:「導言:上帝之道的管家職分和世界」,頁 5-12;"第一章:「依靠何種權威」,頁 13-31。

<p>Sep. 18 Lect 2</p>	<p>Methodological (2) Church, Faith and Public Theology °</p>	<p>米歇尔·海姆斯,肯尼思·海姆斯著,《信仰的完滿:神學的公共意義》:第一章「公共教會與公共神學」,頁 5-46 °</p> <p>沃弗著,《公共的信仰》:"導論", 1-11 °</p> <p>霍倫巴赫著,《公共信仰的全球面相:政治,人權與基督教倫理》:第一章,「公共生活中的信仰」,頁 13-30 °</p>
<p>Sep. 25 Lect 3</p>	<p>Methodological (3) What Public Theology is not:different from political theology, civil religion, and others °</p>	<p>莫爾特曼著,《俗世中的上帝》:第一部分「神學與政治」,頁 3-72 °</p> <p>韋爾克,林子淳編,《政治與公共:中西神學對談》:默茨,「兩種不同的政治神學」,頁 20-29 ;</p> <p>莫爾特曼,「合一運動語境下的政治神學」,頁 32-46 °</p>
<p>Oct. 2</p>	<p>Public holiday, no lecture °</p>	
<p>Oct. 9 Lect 4</p>	<p>Descriptive (1) Calvinism, Abraham Kuyper, and Worldview °</p>	<p>H. Henry Meeter, <i>The Basic Ideas of Calvinism</i>: ° Part I: 1 Theological Ideas of Calvinism: The Fundamental Principle, pp, 15-23. ° Part I: 5 The Main Theological Tenets, pp. 43-49. Part 1: 7 Human Culture, pp. 57-67.</p> <p>亞伯拉罕·凱波爾著,「加爾文主義與生活」,第 1 講「加爾文主義與生活」,第 207-230 頁;第 2 講,「加爾文主義與宗教」,第 231-266 頁 °</p>
<p>Oct. 16 Lect 5</p>	<p>Descriptive (2) : Abraham Kuyper on Common Grace °</p>	<p>H. Henry Meeter, <i>The Basic Ideas of Calvinism</i>: ° Part I: 6 Common Grace, pp. 50-56 °</p> <p>亞伯拉罕·凱波爾著,《加爾文主義講座》,第 4 講「加爾文主義與科學」,頁 297-326 頁;第 5 講「加爾文主義與藝術」,頁 327-357 °</p>
<p>Oct. 23 Lect 6</p>	<p>Descriptive (3) Abraham Kuyper and Herman Dooyeweerd: Creation Order and Sphere Sovereignty °</p>	<p>H. Henry Meeter, <i>The Basic Ideas of Calvinism</i>: Part 2 “Political Ideas of Calvinism,” pp. 71-137 °</p> <p>亞伯拉罕·凱波爾著,《加爾文主義講座》:第 3 講「加爾文主義與政治」,頁 267-296 ° 斯克倫,麥卡錫編,《政治與多元的社會機構》:凱珀,《反對革命黨綱領》,頁 309-348; 杜伊維爾,《西方文化的根源》,頁 349-391; 編者,「領域主權、創造秩序和公共正義:一個評價」,頁 519-545 °</p>

<p>Oct. 30 ° Lect 7 °</p>	<p>Descriptive (4) Reinhold Niebuhr: Christian Realism °</p>	<p>「附錄一 尼布爾思想自傳」, 載尼布爾著, 《光明之子與黑暗之子》, 頁 123-148 ° 尼布爾著, 《道德的人與不道德的社會》 第一、二、三、八、九、十章 ° 尼布爾著, 《基督教倫理學詮釋》 °</p>
<p>Nov. 6 Lect 8</p>	<p>Constructive (1) Christian theology and human rights: Trinity, Image of God, and Human Dignity °</p>	<p>米歇尔·海姆斯、肯尼思·海姆斯著, 《信仰的完滿: 神學的公共意義》: 第三章, 「三一與人權」, 頁 87-114 ° 劉小楓編, 《當代政治神學文選》: 莫爾特曼, 「基督信仰與人權」, 頁 136-151. ° 莫爾特曼著, 《俗世中的上帝》: ° 第二部分第三章: 「人權、人類的權利及自然的權利」, 頁 123-139 ° John Witte, Jr. and Frank S. Alexander, eds. ° <i>Christianity and Human Rights: An Introduction</i>: ° Jeremy Waldron, "The Image of God: Rights, Reason, and Order," pp. 216-235.</p>
<p>Nov. 13 Lect 9</p>	<p>Constructive (2) Christian theology and human rights: Love, Justice, and Human Rights °</p>	<p>John Witte, Jr. and Frank S. Alexander, eds. <i>Christianity and Human Rights: An Introduction</i>. --Nicholas Wolterstorff, "Modern Protestant Developments in Human Rights", pp. 155-172. ° 邁克爾·J·佩里, 「基督教與人權」, 載小約翰·維特、弗蘭克·S·亞歷山大主編, 《基督教與法律》, 頁 195-204 ° Nicholas Wolterstorff, <i>Justice: Rights and Wrongs</i>: Chapter 13, 「Rights Grounded in Respect for Worth」, pp. 295-310; Chapter 16, "A Theistic Grounding of Human Rights", pp. 342-361. °</p>
<p>Nov. 20 Lect 10</p>	<p>Constructive (3) Christian theology and human rights: Calvinism and human rights °</p>	<p>維特著, 《權利的變革》, "導論", 頁 1-43. ° David Little, "Calvin and Natural Rights," <i>Political Theology</i> 10:3 (2009): 411-430. °</p>

<p>Nov. 27 Lect 11</p>	<p>Public Theology in the Chinese Context : Reformed Public Theology in Chinese Churches and Sino-Christian Public Theology °</p>	<p>Alexander Chow, "Calvinist Public Theology in Urban China Today," <i>International Journal of Public Theology</i> 8 (2014), pp. 158-175.</p> <p>Fredrik Fallman, "Calvin, Culture, and Christ? Developments of Faith among Chinese Intellectuals," in Francis Khek Gee Lim, ed., <i>Christianity in Contemporary China: Socio-cultural Perspectives</i>, pp. 153-168. °</p> <p>香港浸信會神學院,《山道期刊》卷 16 第 1 期 (2013 年),"公共神學" °</p> <p>賴品超著,《廣場上的漢語神學: 從神學到基督宗教研究》:第 12 章「宗教多元、民主與公共神學:在香港處境與巴特對話」,頁 311-346 °</p> <p>謝志斌著,《何以公共? 為何神學? 中文公共神學的回顧與前瞻》:「華人世界的漢語公共神學」、「在華人世界發展公共神學的幾個問題」,頁 14-64 °</p>
<p>Dec. 4 Lect 12</p>	<p>Conclusion, Presentation & Consultation °</p>	

4. Assessment type

<p>Task nature °</p> <p>Book review (summary of basic structure /themes & evaluation, 2000 words) : options of books °</p> <p>1.亞伯拉罕. ° 凱波爾著,王兆豐譯,《加爾文主義講座》,載茜亞. ° 凡赫爾斯瑪著,王兆豐譯,《加爾文傳》(北京:華夏出版社,2014 年) 附錄部分,頁 203-369 ° [(Abraham Kuyper, <i>Lectures on Calvinism</i>,Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1931)] °</p> <p>2.斯塔克豪思著: 李錦程、方永譯,謝志斌審校:《公共神學與政治經濟:現代社會中的基督徒管家職份》(香港:道風書社,2016 年). [Max L. ° Stackhouse, <i>Public Theology and Political Economy: Christian Stewardship in Modern Society</i> (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1987).] °</p>	<p>Due date °</p> <p>Oct. 30, 2020 °</p> <p>carries 35%</p>
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Term paper proposal (brief Introduction, conclusion, outline, and working bibliography) °	December 4, 2020 ° carries 20% °
Term paper (5000 -6000 words) ° Options of Themes: 1. The Publicness and Theological Nature of Public Theology ° 2. Public Theology and Human Rights ° 3. The Practice and Problem of Public Theology in the Chinese Context °	December 18, 2020 ° Carries 45%

5. Marking scheme

A, A- Outstanding performance on all learning outcomes; a more comprehensive understanding of relevant idea and knowledge with a clear presentation; a clear thesis and a certain extent of originality; dialogue with different scholarly works.

B+, B, B- Substantial performance overall and fulfils most learning outcomes with above average competency; a good understanding of relevant idea and knowledge with a clear presentation and reference to scholarly works; a relatively less-defined and less argued thesis.

C+, C, C- Satisfactory performance overall, shows an average grasp in most of the learning outcomes; a relatively weak of understanding of relevant idea and knowledge; weak presentation; unclear thesis, and even contradiction; reference is limited.

D+, D Barely satisfactory performance overall, shows less than average in some of the learning outcomes; showing little understanding of relevant idea and knowledge; no reference to scholarly works; weak presentation.

F Unsatisfactory performance on a number of learning outcomes, OR failure to meet specified assessment requirements. Demonstrates lacking ability to analyse, apply and concepts even when cues are provided. Unable to process a given text satisfactorily. °

6. Required and recommended readings

Required readings

Meeter, H. ° Henry, revised by Paul A. Marshall. ° *The Basic Ideas of Calvinism.* ° Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1990.

Wolterstorff, Nicholas. *Justice: Rights and Wrongs.* Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University ° Press, 2008.

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斯克倫、麥卡錫編,方永譯:《政治秩序與多元的社會結構》。香港:道風書社,2013年。

萊因霍爾德·尼布爾著,蔣慶等譯:《道德的人與不道德的社會》。貴陽:貴州人民出版社,1998年。

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Chow, Alexander. "Calvinist Public Theology in Urban China Today." *International Journal of Public Theology* 8 (2014): 58-175.

Forrester, Duncan B. "The Scope of Public Theology." *Studies in Christian Ethics* 17:2 (2004): 5-19.

Kraynak, Robert P. and Glenn Tinder, eds. ° *In Defense of Human Dignity: Essays for Our Times*. ° Notre Dame/London: University of Notre Dame Press, 2003.

Kim, Sebastian C. H. *Theology in the Public Sphere*. London: SCM Press, 2011.

Kim, Sebastian and Katie Day, eds. *A Companion to Public Theology*. Leiden & Boston: Brill, 2017. °

Lai, Pan-Chiu & Zhibin Xie (Guest Editors, Special Issue). "Public Theology in the Chinese Context." *International Journal of Public Theology* 11: 4 (2017). °

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- 洛溫著, 林曼紅譯: 《基督教信仰與公共選擇: 巴特、布魯納與朋霍費爾的社會倫理》。香港: 道風書社, 2014年。
- 沃弗著, 黃從真譯: 《公共的信仰》。新北: 校園書房, 2014年。
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- 鄧紹光:「公共神學」,甚麼樣的神學? 一些根本的反思”,載《山道期刊》卷 16 第 1 期(2013 年), 頁 3-30。
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7. Academic honesty and plagiarism

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