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Course Syllabus

SUMMER 2018 THEOLOGIES IN GLOBAL CONTEXTS THEO 0671

**JULY 16 – 20
MONDAY– FRIDAY, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course aims to broaden students' understanding of Christian theology by helping them to understand how key theological themes have developed in global contexts. With a particular focus on Christianity in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, as well as diasporic and indigenous expressions in Western countries, students will be exposed to the theological challenges faced by Christians around the world. Theories about contextualisation are considered in relation to the cultural and sociopolitical concerns of these contexts.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate ability to identify and understand key texts, historical events and ideas in the development of world Christianity.
2. Develop a critical reading of theology in various global contexts.
3. Develop critical skills in the application of theology to cultural and ethical questions.

4. Engage in constructive scholarly debate with peers, and deliver an oral presentation to a wide-ranging audience.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED READING:

There is no required textbooks for this course. The required readings will be based on book chapters and journal articles, as identified in the Schedule below, and will be posted on the course page.

B. SUPPLEMENTARY / RECOMMENDED READING:

Dyrness, William A. and Oscar Garcla-Johnson. *Theology without Borders: An Introduction to Global Conversations*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2015. ISBN: 978-0801049323.

Dyrness, William A. and Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, eds. *Global Dictionary of Theology: A Resource for the Worldwide Church*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2008. ISBN: 978-1844743506.

Greenman, Jeffrey P. and Gene L. Green, eds. *Global Theology in Evangelical Perspective: Exploring the Contextual Nature of Theology and Mission*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2012. ISBN: 978-0830839568.

Tan, Jonathan Y. and Anh Q. Tran, eds. *World Christianity: Perspectives and Insights*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2016. ISBN: 978-1626981690.

C. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

1. Class Participation: 10% of final grade

Students are expected to attend class sessions and participate actively in discussions, demonstrating knowledge of and engagement with the reading material. Advanced reading required.

2. Critical Book Review: 25% of final grade; due Friday, July 27, 2018, at 11:55pm

Students are expected to submit a critical book review of one of the books listed below and should be 6-7 pages in length. The assigned task is to provide a careful and thorough examination of the basic issues(s) at stake in the text, and to evaluate the relative strength(s) and/or weakness(es) of the author's case with respect to Christology and, if relevant, soteriology. As some of these texts branch into other subjects in systematic theology, discussion on topics outside of Christology or soteriology should be kept to a minimum. It is expected that the assignment show awareness of the broader context and Christian tradition. Along with the primary text, reviews can include minimal citations to secondary literature when necessary. Seek to review the work critically: do not merely summarize but, rather, seek to express and assess the dominant issues and argument of the work.

Please choose one of the books from this list to review:

- Ateek, Naim Stifan. *Justice, and Only Justice: A Palestinian Theology of Liberation*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1989. ISBN: 978-0883445457.
- Cone, James H. *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2013. ISBN: 978-1626980051.
- Costas, Orlando E. *Christ Outside the Gate: Mission Beyond Christendom*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2005. ISBN: 978-1597523417.
- Grant, Jacquelyn. *White Women's Christ and Black Women's Jesus: Feminist Christology and Womanist Response*. Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press, 1989. ISBN: 978-1555403034.
- Kim, Heup Young. *Christ and the Tao*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2010. ISBN: 978-1592445684.
- Song, Choan-Seng. *Jesus, the Crucified People*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1990. ISBN: 978-0800629694.
- Tinker, George E. *American Indian Liberation: A Theology of Sovereignty*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2008. ISBN: 978-1570758058.

3. Research Paper Proposal: 15% of final grade; due Friday, August 10, 2018, at 11:55pm

This proposal should include a statement of the topic, a tentative thesis, an outline of the major sections of your paper with a brief description of each section, and a preliminary bibliography. This outline should be approximately 2 pages, plus the bibliography. This will allow the student to begin thinking about the research paper and provide the instructor an opportunity to give feedback before finishing the work. Students are encouraged to have informal conversations about potential topics with the instructor before the end of the teaching period on July 20.

4. Research Paper: 50% of final grade; due Friday, September 7, 2018, at 11:55pm

The paper should be a substantial piece of theological analysis on one of the topics covered in class with respect to a given context (e.g., Chinese eschatology). The only topic which is off-limits is Christology, given that this was the main focus of the critical book review. The essay should not simply report, summarize, or review class materials (though you are encouraged to draw from class lectures, discussion, and readings). It should, rather, concentrate upon theological (method or history) rather than biblical questions (though an understanding of biblical issues may be relevant to the argument of your paper). It should demonstrate thoughtful reflection and analysis, and should embody a conceptual argument in which various angles of the questions are explored in fairness and at length. The paper should be in the range of 12-15 pages in length, plus the bibliography.

D. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

Assignments should be double-spaced, in 12 pt. Times New Roman font, with 1" or 1.25" margins. The standard citation method for theological papers is footnotes with a complete

bibliography in the Chicago Style, as outlined in the [Chicago-Style Quick Guide](#) (Tyndale e-resource) or the full edition of the [Chicago Manual of Style Online](#), especially [ch. 14](#). For citing scripture texts, refer to sections [10.46 to 10.51](#) and [14.253 to 14.254](#).

Academic Integrity

Integrity in academic work is required of all our students. Academic dishonesty is any breach of this integrity, and includes such practices as cheating (the use of unauthorized material on tests and examinations), submitting the same work for different classes without permission of the instructors; using false information (including false references to secondary sources) in an assignment; improper or unacknowledged collaboration with other students, and plagiarism. Tyndale University College & Seminary takes seriously its responsibility to uphold academic integrity, and to penalize academic dishonesty.

Students should consult the current Academic Calendar for academic policies on Academic Honesty, Gender Inclusive Language in Written Assignments, Late Papers and Extensions, Return of Assignments, and Grading System. The Academic Calendar is posted at <http://tyndale.ca/registrar/calendar>.

E. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments

Required Reading and Class Participation	10 %
Critical Book Review	25 %
Research Paper Proposal	15 %
Research Paper	50 %
Total Grade	100 %

F. COURSE EVALUATION

Tyndale Seminary values quality in the courses it offers its students. End-of-course evaluations provide valuable student feedback and are one of the ways that Tyndale Seminary works towards maintaining and improving the quality of courses and the student's learning experience. Student involvement in this process is critical to enhance the general quality of teaching and learning.

Before the end of the course, students will receive a MyTyndale email with a link to the online course evaluation. The evaluation period is 2 weeks; after the evaluation period has ended, it cannot be reopened.

Course Evaluation results will not be disclosed to the instructor before final grades in the course have been submitted and processed. Student names will be kept confidential and the instructor will only see the aggregated results of the class.

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

Monday, July 16	
AM: Introduction	PM: God and Creator (Theology Proper)
<p>Required readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bede, <i>Ecclesiastical History of England</i>, I.30. Available online at https://www.ccel.org. • Andrew F. Walls, "The Gospel as Prisoner and Liberator of Culture," in <i>The Missionary Movement in Christian History: Studies in the Transmission of the Faith</i> (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1996), 3-15. ISBN: 978-1570750595. 	<p>Required readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Cox, "The Debate Over Io as the Pre-Christian Māori Supreme Being," in <i>The Invention of God in Indigenous Societies</i> (New York: Acumen Publishing, 2014), 35-66. ISBN: 978-1844657544. • Sung-Deuk Oak, <i>The Making of Korean Christianity: Protestant Encounters with Korean Religions, 1876-1915</i> (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2013), 33-83 (esp. 33-46, 63-83). ISBN: 978-1602585751. <p>Further reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jung Young Lee, "Trinitarian Thinking," in <i>The Trinity in Asian Perspective</i> (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1996), 50-69. ISBN: 978-0687426379.

Tuesday, July 17	
AM: Holy Word(s) (Scripture and Revelation)	PM: Messiah, Sage, Ancestor (Christology)
<p>Required readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archie C. C. Lee, "Cross-Textual Hermeneutics and Identity in Multi-Scriptural Asia," in <i>Christian Theology in Asia</i>, edited by Sebastian C. H. Kim (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008), 179-204. ISBN: 978-0521681834. • Mercy Amba Oduyoye, "Expressions, Sources, and Variants of African Theology," in <i>Hearing and Knowing: Theological Reflections on Christianity in Africa</i> (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2009), 45-55. ISBN: 978-1606088616. <p>Further reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip Jenkins, "Power in the Book," in 	<p>Required readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Isherwood, "Feminist Christologies," in <i>The Blackwell Companion to Jesus</i>, edited by Delbert Burkett (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010), 427-442. ISBN: 978-1405193627. • Charles Nyamiti, "African Christologies Today," in <i>Faces of Jesus in Africa</i>, edited by Robert Schreiter (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1991), 3-23. ISBN: 978-0883447680. • Edmond Tang, "The Cosmic Christ: The Search for a Chinese Theology," <i>Studies in World Christianity</i> 1, no. 2 (1995): 131-142. <p>Further reading:</p>

<p><i>The New Faces of Christianity: Believing the Bible in the Global South</i> (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008), 18-41. ISBN: 978-0195368512.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter C. Phan, "Jesus as the Eldest Son and Ancestor," in <i>Christianity with an Asian Face: Asian American Theology in the Making</i> (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2003), 125-45. ISBN: 978-1570754661.
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<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, July 18</p>	
<p>AM: Sin and Evil (Hamartiology)</p>	<p>PM: Salvation and Liberation (Soteriology)</p>
<p>Required readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afe Adogame, "A Phenomenology of African Christian Communities in Diaspora," in <i>The African Christian Diaspora: New Currents and Emerging Trends in World Christianity</i> (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2013), 79-100. ISBN: 978-1441188588. • Alexander Chow, "The East Asian Rediscovery of 'Sin'," <i>Studies in World Christianity</i> 19, no. 2 (2013): 126-140. • Surekha Nelavala, "Smart Syrophoenician Woman: A Dalit Feminist Reading of Mark 7:24-31," <i>The Expository Times</i> 118, no. 2 (2006): 64-69. <p>Further readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birgit Meyer, "Diabolisation," in <i>Translating the Devil: Religion and Modernity Among the Ewe in Ghana</i> (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1999), 83-111. ISBN: 978-0865437982. • Krister Stendahl, "The Apostle Paul and the Introspective Conscience of the West," <i>The Harvard Theological Review</i> 56, no. 3 (1963): 199-215. 	<p>Required readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahn Byung-mu, "Jesus and the Minjung in the Gospel of Mark," in <i>Minjung Theology: People as the Subjects of History</i>, edited by CTCCCA (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1983), 138-152. ISBN: 978-0883443361. • Itumeleng J. Mosala, "The Implications of the Text of Esther for African Woman's Struggle for Liberation in South Africa," in <i>The Postcolonial Biblical Reader</i>, edited by R. S. Sugirtharajah (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2006), 134-141. ISBN: 978-1405133500. <p>Further readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naim Stifan Ateek, "Being Palestinian and Christian in Israel," in <i>Justice, and Only Justice: A Palestinian Theology of Liberation</i> (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1989), 50-73. ISBN: 978-0883445457. • Gustavo Gutierrez, "Liberation and Salvation," in <i>A Theology of Liberation: History Politics and Salvation</i>, rev. ed. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1988), 83-105. ISBN: 978-0883445426.

Thursday, July 19	
AM: The Spirit and the Spirits (Pneumatology)	PM: I am Because We Are (Ecclesiology)
<p>Required readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Bialecki, "The Third Wave and the Third World," <i>Pneuma</i> 37, no. 2 (2015): 177-200. • Gotthard Oblau, "Pentecostal by Default? Contemporary Christianity in China," in <i>Asian and Pentecostal: The Charismatic face of Christianity in Asia</i>, rev. ed., edited by Allan Anderson and Edmond Tang (Oxford: Regnum Books, 2011), 333-353. ISBN: 978-1610979177. <p>Further reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirsteen Kim, "Theology of the Holy Spirit in a Plural World," in <i>The Holy Spirit in the World: A Global Conversation</i> (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2008), 140-176. ISBN: 978-1570757501. 	<p>Required readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan Anderson and Edmond Tang, "Independency in Africa and Asia," in <i>The Cambridge History of Christianity: Volume 9, World Christianities c. 1914-c.2000</i>, edited by Hugh McLeod (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008), 107-128. ISBN: 978-1107423749. • Michael Battle, "Delicate Networks of Interdependence," in <i>Reconciliation: The Ubuntu Theology of Desmond Tutu</i> (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 1997), 35-53. ISBN: 978-0829811582. <p>Further reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander Chow, "Calvinist Public Theology in Urban China Today," <i>International Journal of Public Theology</i> 8, no. 2 (2014): 158-175.

Friday, July 20	
AM: Primal Hope (Eschatology)	PM: Moving Forward
<p>Required readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John S. Mbiti, "Time, History and Eschatology," in <i>New Testament Eschatology in an African Background: A Study of the Encounter Between New Testament Theology and African Traditional Concepts</i> (London: SPCK, 1978), 24-61. ISBN: 978-0281036592. • Chong Bum Kim, "Preaching the Apocalypse in Colonial Korea," in <i>Christianity in Korea</i>, edited by Timothy S. Lee and Robert E. Buswell (Honolulu, HI: University of Hawaii Press, 2007), 149-166. ISBN: 978-0824832063. • Rene C. Padilla, "The Mission of the Church in Light of the Kingdom of God," in <i>Mission Between the Times: Essays on the Kingdom</i>, rev. ed. (Carlisle: Langham Monographs, 2013), 199-211. ISBN: 978-1907713019. <p>Further readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander Chow, "Eschatology and World Christianity," <i>Studies in World Christianity</i> 22, no. 3 (2016): 201-215. 	<p>No readings – yay!</p>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gustavo Gutierrez, "Eschatology and Politics," in <i>A Theology of Liberation: History Politics and Salvation</i>, rev. ed. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1988), 121-140. ISBN: 978-0883445426. | |
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