

THEO5225 Christ, Church, and Spirit

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1. Course Overview:

This course aims at introducing the basic theological concepts of Christology, ecclesiology and pneumatology. The theological discussions, debate and implications among those three concepts would be discussed through historical-theological approach. Furthermore, as a theological discipline, students are expected to learn how to integrate these three Christian doctrines with other elements within the Christian faith.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs):

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| On completion of this course, students should be able to: | |
| CILO 1 | Understand the complicated Christian concepts of Christology, pneumatology and ecclesiology, and their historical interconnection with the intellectual backgrounds. |
| CILO 2 | Apply the concepts and ideas to evaluate the relevance of their numerous implications. |
| CILO 3 | Reflect on their own beliefs and value towards Christian ideas. |

3. Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs):

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| CILO 1 | <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach and describe various key ideas and historical events in approaching these three concepts in the development of the Christian thought through discussion, written exercise and group project. • Evaluate the comments given by different theories and concepts towards the relationship between Christianity and her contexts. |
| CILO 2 | <p>Students will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and examine different aspects of the relationship between these three doctrines and other related concepts by participating class discussions and reading. • Evaluate the religious import of the different aspects of these three doctrines. |

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| CILO 3 | Students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct their own judgements to evaluate their views towards some controversial issues through debate and class discussion. • Apply the knowledge and techniques they learn from the course to complete the project. |
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4. List of Topics

| | Topic | Key Concepts |
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| 1 | NT Christology Debate | Incarnation, high / low-Christology |
| 2 | Two-natures Christology | Divine-human nature, Chalcedon Christology |
| 3 | Historical Jesus and Christ of Faith | Quest of the historical Jesus, modern bible criticism, liberal theology |
| 4 | Christology in Modern / Contemporary Settings (I): Religious Pluralism | John Cobb, Symbol of Christ, religious pluralism |
| 5 | Christology in Modern / Contemporary Settings (II): Feminist & Liberation Approach | Feminist / liberation Christology |
| 6 | Christology in Modern / Contemporary Settings (III): Process Perspective | Process philosophy / theology |
| 7 | Ecclesiology: Church as Communion | John D. Zizioulas, Orthodox Church |
| 8 | Ecclesiology: Church as Resident Alien | Hauerwas, Radical Church |
| 9 | Political Ecclesiology | Political participation |
| 10 | Pneumatology: Patristic perspective and <i>Filioque</i> | Divinity of the Holy Spirit, filioque, Trinity |
| 11 | Pneumatology: Reformation Tradition | Word and Spirit, Bible, Revelation |

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| 12 | Ecological Pneumatology | Spirit and the World |
| 13 | Pneumatology: Pentecostal / Charismatic Traditions | Pentecostal movement, Charismatic traditions |

5. Assessment:

All students can choose “Set A” or “Set B” for your own assessment:

Set A:

1. Group Presentation: (30%)

Students (3-5) are formed into different groups to present the reading materials in the tutorials. Basic summary and critical discussions are required. High mark would be given to those groups which can address the advanced theological scholarships. The time is around 30-45 mins.

2. Short Reflection Paper (40%)

Students should write 2 short reflection papers without footnotes and quotations for the following two topics:

2.1. Write a paper on the relationship between Christology and Ecclesiology. (20%). The word count is not less than 2000 words. The deadline for submission is Nov 7.

2.2. Write a paper on the relationship between Pneumatology and Ecclesiology. (20%). The word count is not less than 2000 words. The deadline for submission is Dec 20.

3. Book Report: (30%)

➤ Students are required to finish a book review on the following book: Kathryn Tanner, *Jesus, Humanity and the Trinity*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2001. (The Chinese translation was published. 《耶穌、人性與三一——淺談系統神學》) Chapter 1-3. The deadline for submission is Dec 20.

Set B:

1. Group Presentation: (30%)

Students (3-5) are formed into different groups to present the reading materials in the tutorials. Basic summary and critical discussions are required. High

mark would be given to those groups which can address the advanced theological scholarships. The time is around 30-45 mins.

2. Research paper: (40%) Student is required to submit a research paper on a given topic. The thesis should include clear thesis, arguments and related scholarship. The word count is not less than 4000 words. The deadline for submission is Dec 20.
3. Book Report: (30%)
 - Students are required to finish a book review on the following book: Kathryn Tanner, *Jesus, Humanity and the Trinity*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2001. (The Chinese translation was published. 《耶穌、人性與三一——淺談系統神學》) Chapter 1-3. The deadline for submission is Dec 20.

6. Course Schedule

| | Topic | |
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| September 5 | Introduction of the course. Tutorial Arrangement. | No tutorial |
| September 12 | <u>NT Christology Debate</u> | No tutorial |
| September 19 | <u>Two-Nature Model of Christology</u> <u>Tutorial Readings</u> 1. <i>Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, Christology: A Global Introduction</i> (基督論：全球導覽), pp.41-72 2. Paul Tillich, <i>Systematic Theology Vol. II</i> , , pp. 138-150 | |
| September 26 | <u>Historical Jesus and Christ of Faith</u> <u>Tutorial Readings</u> 1. <i>The historical Jesus : a comprehensive guide</i> , Gerd Theissen and Annette Merz, pp.1-15. 2. <i>Christology: A Guide for the Perplexed</i> , Alan J. Spence, pp.90-127 | |
| October 3 | <u>Christology in Modern / Contemporary Settings</u> <u>(I): Religious Pluralism</u> <u>Tutorial Readings</u> | |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The Myth of God Incarnate</i>, edited by John Hick, ch.9 2. John Hick, "An Inspiration Christology", <i>Disputed Questions in Theology and the Philosophy of Religion</i> | |
| October 10 | <p><u>Christology in Modern / Contemporary Settings</u> <u>(II): Feminist & Liberation Approach</u> <u>Tutorial Readings</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Towards a feminist Christology : Jesus of Nazareth, European women, and the christological crisis</i>, Julie M. Hopkins BT202 .H635 1995, pp.8-21; 34-97. 2. <i>Jesus Christ liberator : a critical Christology for our times</i>, Leonardo Boff BT202.B5313, pp.63-79. | |
| October 17 | <p><u>Christology in Modern / Contemporary Settings</u> <u>(III): Process Perspective</u> <u>Tutorial Readings</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Christ in a pluralistic age</i>, John B. Cobb, Jr BT202.C62, ch. 3-4 | |
| October 24 | <p><u>Ecclesiology: Church as Communion</u> <u>Tutorial Readings</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Being as communion : studies in personhood and the church</i> / John D. Zizioulas, pp. 15-65. | |
| October 31 | <p><u>Ecclesiology: Church as Resident Alien</u> <u>Tutorial Readings</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The ecclesiology of Stanley Hauerwas : a Christian theology of liberation</i> / John B. Thomson BV600.3 .T46 2003. Part V | |
| November 7 | <p><u>Political Ecclesiology</u> <u>Tutorial Readings</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Rooted in Jesus Christ. Towards a Radical Ecclesiology</i>, Daniel Izuzquiza, pp.87-108 | |

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| November 14 | <u>Pneumatology: Patristic perspective and <i>Filioque</i></u> <u>Tutorial Readings</u> 1. <i>Holy Spirit and salvation</i> , Ed. Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, pp. 3-117 | |
| November 21 | <u>Spirit and the World</u> <u>Tutorial Readings</u> 1. Elizabeth Johnson, <i>Women, Earth, and Creator Spirit</i> (text provided) | |
| November 28 | <u>Pneumatology: Spirit, Christ and Trinity</u> <u>Tutorial Readings</u> Moltmann, <i>Spirit of Life</i> , Part Three | |

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2. Christology : a guide for the perplexed / Alan J. Spence. [BT203 .S66 2008](#)
3. Christology : a global introduction / Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen. [BT203 .K37 2003](#) 基督論 : 全球導覽 [BT203 .K3712 2012](#)
4. Christology / Hans Schwarz. [BT202 .S378 1998](#)
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6. Introduction to ecclesiology : ecumenical, historical & global perspectives / Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen [BV600.3 .K37 2002](#) 教會論 : 全球導覽 [BV600.3 .K3712 2010](#)
7. The Christian church : an introduction to the major traditions / edited by Paul Avis [BV593 .C45 2002](#)
8. Pneumatology : the Holy Spirit in ecumenical, international, and contextual perspective / Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen [BT121.3 .K37 2002](#) 聖靈論 : 全球導覽 [BT121.3 .K3712 2009](#)
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