

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

MSS 639 Special Studies: Globalization and World Missions

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the globalization phenomenon and its wide-ranging implications for World Mission. Part one provides an assessment of the political, economic, and cultural dimensions of globalization with a view to unraveling myth and reality and applying biblical lenses. Part two examines, among other things, the role of Christianity as a globalizing force, emerging initiatives, models, and strategies of Christian missionary engagement, and plausible responses of the church to the problems, perils, and opportunities of the processes of globalization.

OBJECTIVES

Upon the completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- Categorize the trends and issues facing contemporary Christianity.
- Express insights into the nature and possible impact of recent transformations in global Christianity.
- Demonstrate an understanding of globalization as a transforming force that is multidirectional and paradoxical.
- Define globalization in view of various theoretical perspectives and explain why it is a contested concept.
- Explain the role of imperialism and colonization on the making of the pre-modern/modern world.
- Evaluate, in view of globalization, current Pentecostal mission strategy and praxis.
- Illustrate how local cultures challenge or reinforce global forces.

TEXTBOOKS

Required

Friedman, Thomas L. *The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization*. New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1999.

Tiplady, Richard (ed.), *One World or Many: The Impact of Globalization on Mission*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2003.

Recommended

Demptster, Murray W., Byron Klaus, & Douglas Petersen. *The Globalization of Pentecostalism: A Religion Made To Travel*. Irvine, CA: Regnum Books, 1999.

Taylor, William D. (ed). *Global Missiology For The 21st Century: The Iguassu Dialogue*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic (WEF), 2000.

BASIC OUTLINE

Explaining Globalization

Experiencing Globalization: the political dimension

Experiencing Globalization: the economic dimension

Experiencing Globalization: the cultural dimension

Globalization from Below: the power of the margins

Christianity, Missions, and Globalization

Recent transformations in global Christianity: the rise of the South

Challenges of the Twenty-first Century: being Church and doing missions

METHODOLOGY

Lecture

Videos

Student presentation

Visiting lecturers

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Completion of a 12-15 page research paper following seminary guidelines.

A. There will be a reduction of one letter grade for papers turned in after the due date.

B. The topic must be approved by the professor.

C. Two copies will be submitted, one marked one returned.

D. Details will be provided in a separate handout.

Reading of the required textbooks.

Class presentation of a subject approved by the professor. Details will be provided.

Active participation in class discussions and interactions.

Attendance is required as per the seminary catalog.

GRADING PROCEDURE

Required Reading 20%

Research Paper 35%

Student presentation 15%

Exams 30%

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Adeney, Miriam, *God's Foreign Policy: Practical Ways to Help the World's Poor* (Vancouver: Regent College Publishing), 1998.

Albrow, Martin, *The Global Age: State and Society beyond Modernity* (Stanford: Stanford University Press), 1997.

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HELPFUL WEBSITES

- <http://www.globalization101.org/>
- <http://pewforum.org/news/>
- <http://www.globalpolicy.org/globaliz/introprog.htm>
- <http://www.globalisationguide.org/index.htm>
- <http://www.focusweb.org/>
- <http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/index.jsp>
- <http://www.globalization.com/>
- www.ifg.org/
- <http://www.globalresearch.ca/>
- <http://www1.worldbank.org/economicpolicy/globalization/>
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SPECIFIC DATA

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