

2MS810 - GLOBALIZATION AND CONTEXTUALIZATION IN INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY

Reformed Theological Seminary

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

3 credits. Examines current globalization theory with special attention to its significance for missiology and local ministry. Explores creative tensions between globalization and localization and introduces models of contextualization in intercultural ministry.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Course participants will demonstrate the following competencies:

1. Awareness of the Church's *kairos* within the *chronos* of redemptive history and the significance of the processes of modernity and globalization for missions at the threshold of the Third Millennium.
2. Familiarity with important theories of globalization (including economic, technological, cultural, political, and religious aspects) and antiglobalization.
3. Familiarity with important contextualization theorists (McQuilkin, Schreiter, Dyrness, Hiebert) and their presuppositions and contributions to intercultural ministry.
4. Development of critical comprehension of globalization/contextualization theory as applied to both general and specific intercultural ministry settings.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Baker, Susan S., ed. 2009. *Globalization and Its Effects on Urban Ministry in the 21st Century*. Pasadena, Calif.: William Carey Library. (358 pp.)

Hiebert, Paul G. 1993. Globalization as Evangelism. In *The Globalization of Theological Education*, ed. Alice Frazer Evans, Robert A. Evans, and David A. Roozen, 64-77. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis. (14 pp)

Jenkins, Philip. 2002. *The next Christendom*. New York: Oxford University Press. (270 pp.)

Schreiter, Robert J. 1997. *The New Catholicity: Theology Between the Global and the Local*. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis. (140 pp.)

Waters, Malcolm. 2001. *Globalization* (2nd ed.). New York: Routledge. (247 pp.)

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

Bevans, Stephen B. 1996. *Models of contextual theology*. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis. (146 pp.)

Beyer, Peter. 1997. *Religion and globalization*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage. (250 pp.)

Bradshaw, Bruce. 2002. *Change across cultures*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker. (264 pp.)

Brown, Harold O. J. 1996. *The sensate culture: Western civilization between chaos and transformation*. Dallas, Tex.: Word. (257 pp.)

- Dyrness, William A. 1990. *Learning about theology from the third world*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. (221 pp.)
- Ericksen, Thomas Hylland, ed. 2003. *Globalization: Studies in anthropology*. 2003. London: Pluto Press.
- Friedman, Jonathan. 1994. *Cultural Identity and Global Process*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage. (270 pp.)
- Hesselgrave, David J., and Rommen, Edward. 2000. *Contextualization: Meanings, methods, and models*. Pasadena, Calif.: William Carey Library. (281 pp.)
- Hiebert, Paul G. 2009a. *The Gospel in Human Contexts: Anthropological Explorations for Contemporary Missions*. Grand Rapids: Baker. (217 pp.)
- , 2009b. *Transforming Worldviews: An Anthropological Understanding of How People Change*. Grand Rapids: Baker. (367 pp.)
- Huntington, Samuel P. 1996. *The clash of civilizations and the remaking of world order*. New York: Simon and Schuster. (367 pp.)
- Lingenfelter, Sherwood. 1996. *Agents of transformation: A guide for effective cross-cultural ministry*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker. (282 pp.)
- Marquardt, Michael J., and Horvath, Lisa. 2001. *Global teams: How top multinationals span boundaries and cultures with high-speed teamwork*. Palo Alto, Calif.: Davies-Black Publishing.
- Myers, Bryant L. 1996. *The New Context of World Mission*. Monrovia, Calif.: MARC. (65 pp.)
- Naisbitt, John. 1994. *Global Paradox*. New York: Avon. (392 pp.)
- Nicholls, Bruce. 1979. *Contextualization: A theology of gospel and culture*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press. (72 pp.)
- Pantoja, Luis, Tira, Sadiri Joy, and Wan, Enoch, eds. 2004. *Scattered: The Filipino experience*. Manila: Lifechange Publishing, Inc.
- Pittman, Don A., Habito, Ruben L. F., and Muck, Terry C., eds. 1996. *Ministry and theology in global perspective: Contemporary challenges for the church*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. (524 pp.)
- Ramachandra, Vinoth. 1999. *Faiths in conflict? Christian integrity in a multicultural world*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press. (192 pp.)
- Robertson, Roland. 1996. *Globalization: Social theory and global culture*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage. (211 pp.)
- Robertson, Roland, and Garrett, William R., eds. 1991. *Religion and global order* (vol. IV). New York: Paragon House. (322 pp.)
- Rogers, Glenn. 2002. *The role of worldview in multiethnic ministry*. Carol Stream, Ill.: Tyndale. (216 pp.)
- Sanneh, Lamin. 1993. *Encountering the West. Christianity and the global cultural process: The African dimension*. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis. (286 pp.)
- Schreiter, Robert J. 1996. *Constructing local theologies*. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis. (178 pp.)

- Sine, Tom. 1999. *Mustard seed versus mcworld: Reinventing life and faith for the future*. Grand Rapids: Baker. (249 pp.)
- Singer, Marshall R. 1998. *Perception and identity in intercultural communication*. Yarmouth, Maine: Intercultural Press. (295 pp.)
- Spring, Joel. 2001. *Globalization and educational rights: An intercivilizational analysis*. London: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. (188 pp.)
- Stackhouse, Max L. 1988. *Apologia: Contextualization, globalization, and mission in theological education*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. (237 pp.)
- Stackhouse, Max L., Dearborn, Tim, and Paeth, Scott, eds. 2000. *The local church in a global era*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. (218 pp.)
- Taylor, William D., ed. 2000. *Global missiology for the 21st century: The Iguassu dialogue*. Grand Rapids: Baker. (564 pp.)
- Tiplady, Richard, ed. 2003. *One world or many? The impact of globalization on mission*. Pasadena, Calif.: William Carey Library. (276 pp.)
- Trompenaars, Fons, and Hampden-Turner, Charles. 1998. *Riding the waves of culture: Understanding cultural diversity in global business* (2nd ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill. (274 pp.)
- Winter, Ralph D., and Hawthorne, Steven C., eds. 1999. *Perspectives on the world christian movement* (third edition). Pasadena, Calif.: William Carey Library.

COURSE ASSESSMENT:

1. Participants will join actively in class discussions and will be prompt and regular in class attendance. (20%)
2. Participants will write a major paper (eighteen to twenty pages, plus reference list) on a pre-approved topic relating to pastoral ministry in a global/contextual world, demonstrating skill in applying theoretical concepts in practical ways within their unique ministry contexts. (80%)