**ST610: Theology and Public Life, Foundations**  
*(2 Credits)*  
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*Revised Syllabus*

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**Course Description**

This foundational course focuses on the biblical and systematic theological framework for approaching issues related to Christianity and government. What is the relationship between the kingdom of God and temporal government? What is the history of Christian reflection on the topic of Christ and culture?

**Class Meetings**

Thursday, 7-9:30PM, Sept. 17—December 3

**Required Reading**


Herman Bavinck, “Common Grace” (on the “Modules” section in Canvas)


William Cavanaugh, ed., *The Blackwell Companion to Political Theology*, selections (on the “Modules” section in Canvas)


Richard B. Gaffin, “Some Epistemological Reflections on 1 Cor 2:10-16,” (on the “Modules” section in Canvas)


Nelson D. Kloosterman, “The Cultural Mandate and the Great Commission: An Integrationist Model” (on the “Modules” section in Canvas)


Oliver O’Donovan and Joan O’Donovan, *From Irenaeus to Grotius, A Sourcebook in Christian Political Thought*; ISBN: 9780802842091; selections

A lecture outline and a reading schedule will be distributed at the first class meeting.

**Assignments**

1. Several brief papers will be required over the semester (75%).

2. Reading report (25 %): students will turn in a reading report that states the percentage of assigned readings that they have read with reasonable care by the last day of class.

**Academic Policies**

1. Late assignments: apart from exceptional circumstances, I will not accept late assignments for credit.
2. Plagiarism: whether intentional or unintentional, plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the course.