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| **ERP-HT 0037 (HT ÉRTÉ215 / RSVS164) – DIALOGUE WITH C.S. LEWIS IN MERE CHRISTIANITY ABOUT MODERN CHRISTIANITY AND THE WORLD** |
| **Responsible for the course**:Dr. John Brouwer | **Timetable**:Wednesday: 16:00-17:30HTK | **Prescriptions**:Beginning to intermediate level English. Registration limit: 10 |
| **Leader of the course**:Dr. John Brouwer | **Contact****Hours**:N: 30 | **Credit**: |
| jbrouwer@cantab.net | **Type**:free choice | **Semester**:Fall2019 | **Language**:English | **Evaluation**:Practical mark |
| **Suggested** **semester**:Fall 2019 | **Method of evaluation**:Class participation and short reflection paper |
| ***Course description:*** |
| CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity* and the modern world is a good description for the course. Of all writers in English during the 20th c., Lewis was the best to present Christian faith to the ‘modern’ world. He helped ‘moderns’ connect with Christ. The course is interactive. It involves a dialogue with Lewis through *Mere Christianity* and among class participants.Students should not be intimidated by C.S. Lewis. When the course was given in the past, students were surprised how easy he was to read. Lewis was certainly very bright, but his English is so good that *Mere Christianity* can be read and understood by non-native speakers of English. One additional benefit of the seminar is that it will improve your English – reading and spoken. |
| ***Course content***: |
| The course first introduces C.S. Lewis, his writings and *Mere Christianity*. We will then read and discuss Lewis’ *Mere Christianity*, a few chapters per week (each chapter is short). We will discuss the book specifically and also use it to stimulate our thoughts and discussion about how we can better speak to our contemporary world. We want to learn from Lewis without being bound to Lewis.Lewis’ *Chronicles of Narnia* are a classic – for children and adults. We will make a brief visit to Narnia to see how the imagination can be used to speak to millennials.Since community and relationship are so important to contemporary/postmodern people, we will occasionally meet at the professor’s home for food and discussion.  |
| ***Requirements*:** |
| Grades for the course:Complete readings and active participation in class discussions, and short reflection paper at end of semester. |
| ***Literature***: |
| * Lewis, C.S., *Mere Christianity*, London: Simon & Schuster, 1996. The English version will be provided to you online in pdf format; you may also use the Hungarian translation.
* Lewis, C.S., *The Chronicles of Narnia*.
* Lewis, C.S., *Weight of Glory*, reprinted New York: Collier Books, 1980. (originally a sermon, first essay in book; may be downloaded or read on internet)
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| ***Further readings:*** |
| * Lewis, C.S., Problem of Pain, New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1948. (theodicy resolved)
* Lewis, C.S., Miracles: A Preliminary Study, 1947, reprinted New York: HarperCollins Publisher, 2001. (Christian faith and reason not contradictory, thus faith and science compatible)
* Woodruff, Joel S. and Thomas A. Tarrants, C.S. Lewis: A Profile in Faith, Springfield, VA, C.S. Lewis Institute, 2013.
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