

TURNING POINTS – DECISIVE MOMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY (READING COURSE)

Course Supervisor: Földváryné dr. Kiss Réka	Number of Lessons per Week: 2	Course Schedule: Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 am. Location: 1022 Budapest, Csopaki St. 6.	Prerequisites: Upper-Intermediate Level English Skills	
Instructor's Name: Dr. Gabor J Lanyi				
Consulting Hours: TBA	6 credit	Course's Semester: 2021/2022 Fall	Recommended Semester:	Evaluation: „Gyakorlati jegy”
Language: English	Type of Course: Seminar			Method of Evaluation: see requirements below

Course Description:

The study of Christianity's past is essential for anyone who seeks to understand Christianity's present situation in the World and wants comprehend the Western tradition of culture, education, government and society. This course designed to help this comprehension by familiarizing the students with the most formative events, persons and movements of Christianity - the detailed examination of selected "turning points" of church history. The course's guideline is Mark Noll's widely used book, titled Turning Points. One chapter of the textbook will be discussed at each meetings of the course. The textbook will be provided in electronic format.

Requirements: Regular reading of the assigned chapter for each meeting. Participating students will have to give a *presentation in class about their chosen chapter*, provide *handouts, lead discussion*, and submit a 6-8 pages long *seminar paper* at the end of the course OR *give two presentations in class with handouts and discussion lead* without submitting seminar paper.

Schedule:

1. The Church Pushed Out on Its Own: The Fall of Jerusalem (70)
2. Realities of Empire: The Council of Nicea (325)
3. Doctrine, Politics, and Life in the Word: The Council of Chalcedon (451)
4. The Monastic Rescue of the Church: Benedicts's Rule (530)
5. The Culmination of Christendom: The Coronation of Charlemagne (800)
6. Division between East and West: The Great Schism (1054)
7. The Beginnings of Protestantism: The Diet of Worms (1521)
8. A New Europe: The English Act of Supremacy (1534)
9. Catholic Reform and Worldwide Outreach: The Founding of the Jesuits (1540)
10. The New Piety: The Conversion of the Wesleys (1738)
11. Discontents of the Modern West: The French Revolution (1789)
12. A Faith for All the World: The Edinburgh Missionary Conference (1910)
13. Mobilizing for the Future: The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) and the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization (1974) *Bibliography:*

Textbook:

NOLL, Mark: *Turning Points. Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*. Grand Rapids, Baker, 2012.

Recommended Literature:

BETTENSON, Henry - Chris MAUNDER (eds.): *Documents of the Christian Church*, Oxford University Press, 2011.

GONZALEZ, Justo L.: *The Story of Christianity, Vol. 1: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation*, New York, Harper One, 2010.

GONZALEZ, Justo L.: *The Story of Christianity, Vol. 2: The Reformation to the Present Day*, New York, Harper One, 2010.

HASTINGS, Adrian: *A World History of Christianity*, Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 1999.

RAHNER, Hugo: *Church and State in Early Christianity*, San Francisco, Ignatius Press, 1992.