

Title and Code of Course: Christianity in East Asia – ERPB-BSB 9072

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Credit Point Value: 6	Number of Lessons per Week: 2	Type of Course: Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Method of Evaluation: Oral Examination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Class Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
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Course Description:

This course examines the history and development of Christianity in East Asia, with a particular focus on China. Students will explore the cultural and social contexts in which Christian missionaries operated and engage with key concepts such as mission, inculturation, and accommodation. The course traces the historical encounters between Christianity and Chinese society from early contacts to the present, while also situating Christianity in China within a broader East Asian framework that includes Japan, Korea, and Southeast Asia.

Bibliography:

Bays, Daniel H.: *A New History of Christianity in China*. (Oxford, 2012)

Lazzarotti, Marco: *God, Jesus and the Ancestors*. (Heidelberg, 2023)

Mungello, D. E.: *The Great Encounter of China and the West*. (Lanham, 2009)

Phan, Peter C. (ed.): *Christianity in Asia*. (Hoboken, 2011)

Sanneh, Lamin and Michael J. McClymond (eds.): *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to World Christianity*. (Hoboken, 2016)

Timetable:

	Date:	Topic:
1.		Christianity and East Asia: Christianity as a global religion; overview of East Asian religious systems Reading: Phan: 1–6. Mungello: 1–13.
2.		Nestorian Christianity in Tang China Reading: Bays: 4–11.
3.		Christianity in the Mongol Empire Readings: Bays: 11–16.
4.		Jesuit Missions in Ming China Reading:

		Bays: 17–28. Mungello: 17–38.
5.	09. 10.	The Rites Controversy and Qing policies Reading: Bays: 28–32.
6.	16. 10.	Christianity and imperialism Reading: Bays: 41–61.
7.	06. 11.	Christianity and modernization Reading: Bays: 66–82.
8.	13. 11.	Christianity and nationalism Reading: Bays: 82–87; 92–115.
9.	20. 11.	Christianity in early modern East Asia Reading: Phan: 97–108; 197–200, Sanneh – McClymond: 561–574.
10.	27. 11.	Christianity and communism Reading: Bays: 158–179; 183–205.
11.	04. 12.	Indigenization of Christianity in Taiwan Reading: Bays: 193–205. Lazzarotti: 41–50; 81–113.
12.	11. 12.	Christianity in contemporary East Asia Readings: Phan: 108–121; 129–145; 200–213; 217–230. Sanneh – McClymond: 561–574.