

Syllabus																				
Title:		The past and present of Japanese Christian missionary work																		
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Requirements of completion:		Active participation in the discourses during class. Processing two Bible-study stories from a certain book with handwritten notes (assistant lecturer will send it to students).																		
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Classes per week:		2																		
Credits:																				
Name of the lecturer:		Angelika Pataki-Tóth																		
Position:		Assistant lecturer																		
<div>Short review:</div> <p>This class is an interactive way for students to learn more about the problems faced by missionaries throughout the history of Christian mission in Japan. They can hear about persecutions, sacrifices, the hardships and the victories in the lives of missionaries in Japan. The class uses missionary books, which are popular among missionaries and theologists, and many other resources like movies, novels and mangas, related to Japanese Christianity.</p>																				
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6.	2025.	Contextualization
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8.	2025.	Natural disasters, social problems, and the christian mission in Japan
9.	2025.	Ancestor worship, filial piety, commemorative and funeral services, Second Chance Theory
10.	2025.	The mizuko kuyou ceremony
11.	2025.	Mission techniques in South Korea
12.	2025.	Concluding remarks Movie: Saint Young Men

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