



CH102 The History of Christianity II

Dr Lai Pak Wah | 3CR

Course Purpose

History of Christianity II is intended as the second of a two-course survey (3 credits each) of the history of Christianity over the last 2,000 years.

In CH102, students will be introduced to the important theological, historical and spiritual movements from 1500-2001. Our journey begins in Europe with the advent of the Protestant Reformation, which will permanently change the face of religion in the Continent and, subsequently, the whole world. This is followed by an analysis of the developments that follow this Reformation: the rise of American & English Protestantism and spirituality, the growth of the evangelical movement, especially in America, and the Catholic Counter Reformation. Attention will also be given to the Enlightenment period, which would significantly influence and also challenge the claims of the Christian faith. Following these, we will turn our attention to the development of Christianity worldwide, with a focus on Christianity in China, in particular, and Asia in general.

Dates (2021)

Jan 18, Feb 1, 15
Mar 1, 15 & 29
Apr 12

(7:15pm – 10:00pm)

Credits

3CR

Class Format

Blended Learning
(‘Live’ Lectures &
Tutorial Discussion)

Location

Zoom Classroom

Fees*

S\$450(Credit)
S\$240 (Audit)

About the Lecturer

Dr Lai Pak Wah is a lecturer of Church History and Historical Theology at BGST. A graduate from BGST (Grad Dip CS) and Regent College, Vancouver (MCS, ThM), Dr Lai completed his PhD at Durham University, where he specialised in Christianity in Late Antiquity, that is, the history, theology and spirituality of the 2nd – 5th century church fathers (also known as Patristic Studies). Besides his research on John Chrysostom, Dr Lai has also published on the interface between theology & medicine in *The Dao of Healing: Christian Perspectives on Chinese Medicine*. Previously, Dr Lai was a full-time lecturer at the School of Business, Singapore Polytechnic, and engaged in investment promotion work with the Singapore Economic Development Board. He is the current Principal of BGST.



Academic Information

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students will:

- i. be familiarised with the historical developments of the Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian traditions from 16th – 20th centuries.
- ii. gain the ability to analyse primary sources from this period. This includes historical, theological and spirituality texts.
- iii. be able to reflect on the historical, theological & spiritual insights gleaned from these diverse periods, and apply them in the contemporary contexts.
- iv. grow in their ability in team work, design and lead class discussions that will encourage dialogue and fellowship between their course mates.

Assignments

The prescribed assignments are online exercises, a group case study presentation, a book review (1,500 words) and an essay (3,000 words).

Course Texts

Required Texts & Readings (Course Reserve Collection)

1. Gonzalez, Justo L. *The Story of Christianity* (Volume II). S.F.: HarperOne, 2010).¹
2. Teresa of Avila and [Dennis Billy C.S.](#) *Interior Castle: The Classic Text With a Spiritual Commentary*. Classics with Commentary. Texas: Christian Classics: 2007.

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¹ To purchase: https://www.amazon.com/Story-Christianity-Reformation-Present-Day-ebook/dp/B00J0GB276/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1600851708&sr=8-1