

Semester 1: Classroom-based (CT2070P, DM2070P)

Online (CT2079P, DM2079P)

Description

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Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Articulate a range of Christological formulations and the central theological concerns they embody;
2. Identify a diversity of background cultural issues and values prompting these theological developments;
3. Support the use of Christology in the formation of mission theory;
4. Evaluate the potential benefits of these formulations for theological discourse within multicultural Australia;

Assessment

Assessment Type	Weighting
Presentation (1000 words)	20%
Annotated Bibliography (1500 words)	30%
Summative Reflection (2000 words)	50%

Pre-requisite: none

Lecturer: John Flett

Recommended reading

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Brinkman, Martin E., Henry Jansen, and Lucy Jansen. *The Non-Western Jesus: Jesus as Bodhisattva, Avatara, Guru, Prophet, Ancestor or Healer?* London: Routledge, 2014.

Clarke, Clifton R. *African Christology: Jesus in Post-Missionary African Christianity*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2011.

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Küster, Volker. *The Many Faces of Jesus Christ: Intercultural Christology*. London: SCM Press, 2001.

Orevillo-Montenegro, Muriel. *The Jesus of Asian Women*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2007.

Pope-Levison, Priscilla and John R. Levison. *Jesus in Global Contexts*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1992.

Schreiter, Robert J., ed. *Faces of Jesus in Africa*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1995.

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5. Develop an in-depth critical engagement with one of the Christologies examined.

Assessment

Assessment Type	Weighting
Annotated Bibliography (3000 words)	40%
Essay (5000 words)	60%

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