Instructor: Reinerio Arce Valentín, PhD

Prerequisites: Introduction to Christian Theology I and II

Description of Content:

The German theologian Jürgen Moltmann is one of the most important thinkers of Christian theology within the Reformed tradition since the second half of 20th century to the present. Encompassing all the areas of Christian Systematic theology work with his prolific writings, he has established a model for the Church and for Christians as to the church’s mission; the role of Christians in the world today; and above all, a reflection of the meaning and action in the building of the Kingdom of God. We will go over some of the main writings of this theologian as well as reactions and reflections of some Latin American theologians on these topics. On the basis of Moltmann’s concept that all theology is contextual, participants are expected to present their own reflections on these topics reflecting their own individual contexts.

Objectives:

1. Students will be able to demonstrate familiarity with Moltmann’s fundamental method and principles.

2. Students will be able to demonstrate familiarity with content and structure of Moltmann’s theology as it emerges in his works.

3. Students will demonstrate a capacity to sustain a critical dialog with Moltmann’s work arising from their familiarity with Latin American contextual theology and reflection on their own contexts.

Class Procedures:

The course will proceed as a seminar including regular opportunities for brief student presentations on the assigned texts. These presentations will be shaped by guidelines distributed by the professor. Following the student presentation, the seminars will be shaped by shared discussion regarding ways the texts demonstrate contextual theological responses.

MDiv. Requirements:
1. Attendance and informed participation in the class sessions
2. Weekly written assignments and in-class presentations
3. Term paper (15-20 pages)

ThM Requirements:
1. Attendance and informed participation in the class sessions
2. Weekly written assignments and in-class presentations
3. Book Review (5-7 pages) as determined in consultation with the Professor
4. Term paper (25 pages)

PhD Requirements:
1. Attendance and informed participation in the class sessions
2. Weekly written assignments and in-class presentations
3. Class leadership with professor as determined in consultation with the Professor
4. Term paper (25 pages)

MDiv Grading Procedures:
- 30% Oral presentations and discussions in seminars:
- 40% A written summary (one page) of the student’s own considerations on the studied material after each seminar:
- 30% A final paper on one of the topics studied of the participant’s choice

ThM Grading Procedures:
- 20% Oral presentations and discussions in seminars:
- 20% A written summary (one page) of the student’s own considerations on the studied material after each seminar:
- 30% Book Review
- 30% A final paper on one of the topics studied of the participant’s choice

PhD Grading Procedures:
- 20% Oral presentations and discussions in seminars:
- 20% A written summary (one page) of the student’s own considerations on the studied material after each seminar:
- 30% Class Leadership
- 30% A final paper on one of the topics studied of the participant’s choice

Texts:
- **Jürgen Moltmann:**

**Latin American Theologians:**