

CHHI 70023 CHURCH IN MIDST OF PLURALISM:
CHRISTIANITY IN THE MAJORITY WORLD
(3 semester hours)

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Prerequisites: None

Description of Content:

Christianity's center of gravity—in terms of numbers and vitality—has shifted to the Majority World (i.e., Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Oceania). It stands to reason that one who seeks to serve as a religious leader in a globalized world should become familiar with the history of Christianity in the Majority World. This course examines the history of Christianity in the Majority World from the 16th to 20th century, focusing on the implantation and development of Christianity in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. It explores topics such as Christianity's encounter with indigenous religions; colonialism and Christian missions; and Christianity's encounters with societal forces of the Majority World.

Class Procedure: Seminar format with presentations, discussions, and audio-visual presentations

Requirements (tentative): 1) class participation, 2) class presentations, 3) one reflection paper on an assigned book, 4) short source analysis paper, 5) long source analysis paper

Required Texts

Amaladoss, Michael. *The Asian Jesus*. New York: Orbis Book, 2006. ISBN: 10: 1570756619. \$15.99

Isichei, Elizabeth. *A History of Christianity in Africa: From Antiquity to the Present*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1995. ISBN-10: 0802808433. \$39.50.

Koschorke, Klaus, Frieder Ludwig and Mariano Delgado, ed. *A History of Christianity in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, 1450-1990: A Documentary Source Book*. Cambridge: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2007). ISBN-10: 0802828892. \$41.00

Phan, Peter C. *Christianities in Asia*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011. ISBN-10: 140516090X. \$37.02.

Gonzalez, Ondina E. and Justo L. Gonzalez. *Christianity in Latin America: A History*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008. \$31.99

Grading Procedures (tentative): 1. Class cooperation (10 %); 2. Presentations (30 %); 3. Reflection paper (20%); 4. Short source analysis (5 %); 5. Long source analysis paper (35%).