

Cosmopolitan Theology

Wed. 1:00-3:30pm

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

Cosmopolitan discourse has recently emerged, especially in the areas of political and social philosophies, which seeks global justice and solidarities in an era of neo-empire, globalization, and identity politics. Cosmopolitan discourses help one to change one's epistemology to move beyond one's boundaries of religion, nationality, ability, gender, class, race, ethnicity, sexuality, and so forth. It also maintains principles of global justice and human rights and calls for application of justice to all *singular individuals* of the cosmos. In this way, cosmopolitanism becomes one of the prominent political, philosophical, socio-cultural movements and discourses of the turn of the twenty-first century.

This course takes *cosmopolitan ethos* primarily from Greek philosophy, St. Paul, Immanuel Kant, Hannah Arendt, and Jacques Derrida as significant theological/philosophical grounds for global justice, planetary hospitality, solidarity, and neighbor-love. Cosmopolitan theology embraces and, at the same time, moves beyond the collective identity position and group-based allegiances. Cosmopolitan theology calls for radical solidarity across the borders of particular identity, for a planetary community of radical inclusion, and for deep compassion and justice for *the other*. In this context, cosmopolitan theology is a form of public theology that has a profoundly significant public relevance of a theological discourse for today's world. This course examines significant issues in cosmopolitan discourse such as: Its philosophical ground, major characteristics, various types and views, theological implication/application, justice, hospitality, neighbor-love, and solidarity.

CLASS PROCEDURE

Lectures, presentations, and discussion

REQUIREMENT AND GRADING

<i>My Lexicon</i> :	20 points
Concept Exam:	20 points
Presentation:	20 points
Qualifying Exam Paper:	40 points

1. Two-Minutes Speech 10 points
2. Presentation 20 points
3. *My Lexicon*: Critical Concept Journal 30 points
4. Qualifying Exam Paper 40 points

- 4,000~5,000 words for M.Div/MTS/MACS;
 - 5,000~6,000 words for D.Min/Th.M/ Ph.D.
- *This requirement is subject to change depending on the size and pedagogical need of the class.*

COURSE TEXTS (Fall 2022)

Brock, Gillian and Harry Brighouse, eds. The Political Philosophy of Cosmopolitanism. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2005. ISBN-10: 0521609097 \$33.99

Kang, Namsoon. Cosmopolitan Theology: Reconstituting Planetary Hospitality, Neighbor-Love, and Solidarity in an Uneven World. Chalice, 2013. ISBN-10 0827205341. \$34.99

Skrbis, Zlatko and Ian Woodward, Cosmopolitanism: Uses of the Idea. Sage Publications, 2013. ISBN-10: 1849200645. \$40.00.

Van Hooff, Stan. Cosmopolitanism: A Philosophy for Global Ethics. Ithaca: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2009. ISBN-13: 978-0773536449. \$ 24.95.