

COURSE DESCRIPTION
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON MINISTRY AND MISSION
JOHN LELAND CENTER FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
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This course focuses on global realities against the backdrop of the grand design of the mission of God, and the response of the church and Christ-followers in the light of those realities. Special attention will be given to the cultural mandate of Scripture given to those created in the image of God as stewards of all God's creation, and the contemporary context in which we live and serve. Additionally, the course will highlight the status of the context that is home to the majority world church and the resurgence of non-Christian religions that are challenging Christianity in the global marketplace.

LEARNER-CENTERED OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES:

Upon successfully completing this course, students should be able

1. To understand the whole of scripture as a meta-narrative about the mission of God.
2. To critique the realities of globalization and its impact on mission and ministry.
3. To see Christianity through non-Western eyes.
4. To evaluate the demise of Christendom in its western home.
5. To articulate a methodology of ministry appropriate for the 21st Century marketplace.

TEXTS AND READINGS:

Thomas Friedman, The World Is Flat, (Release 3.) Picador/Farrar, Strauss and Giroux
2005,2006,2007

Philip Jenkins, God's Continent, Oxford, 2007

Lamin Sanneh, Whose Religion Is Christianity? Eerdmans, 2003

PARALLEL READINGS/ASSIGNMENTS

Case Study: "What's The Matter, Abdurahman?" (Will be distributed in class)

Case Study: "The Shrimp Farm" (will be distributed in class)

"Migration and Mission: The Religious Significance of the North-South Divide"
by Jehu Hanciles (will be distributed in class)

COURSE OUTLINE

INTRODUCTIONS AND REVIEW OF THE SYLLABUS

State of the World Through the Lens of Migration

Discussion: Globalization: What is happening? How has your world changed?

“The Ten Flatteners” Friedman, Chapter 2 (**Read before the first day of class**)

A MISSIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Shaping a missional hermeneutic

“World Christianity vs. Global Christianity” Sanneh pp 1-57

“Godless Europe?” Jenkins, Chapter 2

RESURGENT NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS AND THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

“The Moors Return” and “Making Muslims” Jenkins, Chapters 5-6

“The Triple Convergence” and “The Great Sorting Out” Friedman Chapters 3-4

“Transforming Faith” Jenkins Chapter 11

Case Study: “What’s The Matter, Abdarahman?”

BACKLASH TO GLOBALIZATION

“The Unflat World” Friedman Chapter 11

“A Serpent In Paradise” from The Collapse of Globalism, by John Ralston Saul

Evangelization and the Powers: Mission and Systemic Evil

Case Study: “The Shrimp Farm”

THE CHURCH IS BIGGER THAN YOU THINK

World Christianity Revisited, Sanneh pp 71-93

The Southern Hemisphere and the East

Migration and Mission -- Jehu Hanciles