

IN 201 Palestinian Liberation Theology

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Open to all students

1 credit; credit/no credit only

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will explore a variety of Palestinian theologies by reading the works of a variety of authors and learning more about the current context in Israel and Palestine. The current situation is complex yet worthy of attention. A foundational knowledge of the current history of Israel and Palestine and theological reflections and cries for justice based on that history is important for students considering travel in Israel and Palestine.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- 1) To learn more about the history and context of the Israel and Palestinian situation and conflict as the context for Palestinian theological thought.
- 2) To explore Palestinian theologians from our own cultural and theological perspectives and hear how they address our context.
- 3) To gain an appreciation for the variety of voices engaged in theological conversation.
- 4) To grow in confidence as theological interpreters.

PROCEDURE:

This class will meet begin with lectures on liberation theology and the context in which Palestinian liberation is done. Later sessions are seminar discussions of the assigned readings and classroom presentations of other readings. Cinematic understandings of contexts that Palestinian theologians addressed will be held in tension and dialogue with the readings.

EVALUATION:

Students will be primarily evaluated on their class participation. This participation will include active discussion of assigned readings and a classroom presentation on a biographical experience of life in Israel and Palestine. Students will also write a five page reflection paper on their readings and discussions.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Raheb, Mitri. *Faith in the Face of Empire: The Bible through Palestinian Eyes* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2014).

Kairos Palestine 2009 may be found on the web.