

Course Description

Course Number: HT 291W

Course Title: Theological Reflections on the New Diaspora

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Theological Reflections on the New Diaspora is a 1 credit, letter grade or credit/no credit, elective course. This course is open to all Synchronous and Asynchronous learners. No prerequisites are required to take this course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course takes an interdisciplinary approach to unearth the voice of those in exile, displaced, and on the move at the local and global levels. The course addresses specific themes or issues weekly. From rethinking the geopolitical justice in the context of Israel/Palestine to connecting the prophetic voice with emerging crises worldwide fomented by current neocolonial practices and global rise of authoritarianism, participants will reflect on the cultural and religious concerns of the new diaspora, the significance of minoritized liberation theologies, and the deeper meaning of global solidarity.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- I. Demonstrate knowledge of diaspora studies that relate to our understanding of the development of Christian beliefs and practices. (Practice of Complex Analysis).
- II. Demonstrate competence in critical analysis of biblical and theological reflections on contemporary contexts of neocolonialism and authoritarianism. (Practice of Biblical and Theological Wisdom).
- III. Respect the distinctive theological themes and emphases advocated by culturally diverse communities (Practice of Engagement with Cross-Cultural and Global Dimensions).
- IV. Develop a critical awareness of assumptions and biases by recognizing cultural, political, and religious influences that shape Christian theology and everyday practices of faith (Practice of Personal Faith and Integrity).

PROCEDURE:

The course will meet for one hour a week. It puts an emphasis on student participation through interactive discussion with instructor and one another.

EVALUATION:

- I. Class participation.
- II. Demonstration of engagement in weekly assigned readings.
- III. Reflection paper that helps develop one's critical perspective on the subject.

BIBLIOGRAPHY (indicates required texts):**

**Ellis Marc H. *Finding Our Voice: Embodying the Prophetic and Other Misadventures*. 2018.

Scholz Susanne Santiago Slabodsky and Susannah Heschel. 2021. *The New Diaspora and the Global Prophetic: Engaging the Scholarship of Marc H. Ellis*. 2021.

Kwok Pui-lan. *Asian and Asian American Women in Theology and Religion: Embodying Knowledge*. 2020.

De La Torre Miguel A. *Embracing Hopelessness*. 2017.