



ID/ME245 Asian Theology

Dr Kwa Kiem Kiok | 1.5 OR 3CR

Course Purpose

Christianity has been in Asia for at least 200 years, and Asians have been theologising – reflecting theologically – through the issues of the context. That task continues as Christians today also consider critically the issues such as ancestor veneration, materialism, inequalities, among others and present the church’s views on them. Secondly, we should communicate the truths of the gospel sin, salvation, and redemption in ways which resonate within the Asian context.

This course will critically explore some theologies as expressed by Asian Christians and determine their value and place in the Asian context today. Students will also learn to develop frameworks that will guide them in the task of understanding the Asian context so as to begin theologising in ways that are suitable, relevant and meaningful. Students should then be able to lead others into developing theologies which will be biblically grounded, historically connected and contextually relevant.

Dates (2022) Jan 27 Feb 17, 24 Mar 10, 24 Apr 28	Location Zoom Classroom
Time 7:15pm – 10:00pm	
Credits 1.5 or 3CR	Fees* 1.5 CR S\$225(Credit) S\$120 (Audit)
Class Format <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Paced+Live (In-Person) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-Paced+Live (Online) <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Paced+Live (In-Person+Online)	3 CR S\$450(Credit) S\$240 (Audit)
Pre-Requisites: HE101	

About the Lecturer

Kiem-Kiok is Lecturer in missiology and interdisciplinary studies. She brings her legal and theological training, as well as work experience in marketplace, church and para-church organisations into this role. Previously she was lecturer and registrar at East Asia School of Theology where she taught a variety of courses in intercultural studies. She has published on a diverse range of subjects including a contextual commentary on *Matthew* (ATA, 2017), contributed to the *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality* (Zondervan, 2011) as well as on religious harmony in *Faith in an Age of Terror* (BGST, 2018). She and her husband, a Methodist pastor, enjoy walking in the outdoors.



Academic Information

Learning Outcomes

1. To understand the Asian contexts therein and thus appreciate the complexities of issues that face Asians, and appreciate the theological history of the church.
2. To critically evaluate some of the theological expressions of Asian Christians.
3. To study scripture so as to find means of connecting the gospel with Asians in Asia in contextually meaningful and relevant ways.
4. Develop contextual theologies for the Asian context which will be good spiritual food for their faith communities; and be able to help others to do this task.

Assignments

1. Attendance, reading, and reflection papers on selected readings. (20%)
2. Dictionary Summary and Reflection Paper (30% of grade)
3. Final Paper (50% of grade including a presentation of the paper)

Those who wish to do this at 3credits, please discuss with the lecturer the additional reading and course requirements.

Required Texts

Text books: Mainly from Timoteo D. Gener, Stephen T. Pardue, eds., Asian Christian Theology, Evangelical Perspectives (Langham, 2019).

Simon Chan, Grassroots Asian Theology (IVP, 2014) and other articles may also be assigned.

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