DA1003W  Faith, Culture and Social Engagement

Offered: 2016: Semester 1 – 2 (commencing week beginning 4 April)
[Unit offered alternatively as CT1003W]

This unit immerses students in the personal, social and ethical considerations of the Bible’s evolving vision of the Kingdom of God and a just society. These concepts will be examined by exploring biblical texts, the legacy of leading thinkers and influential practitioners, as well as contemporary issues demanding careful and constructive engagement.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:
1. Assess differing conceptions of the Kingdom of God, drawing upon biblical texts and theological perspectives;
2. Identify the personal, social, and ethical consequences envisioned by the ‘Good News’ of the Kingdom of God;
3. Engage theologically with aspects of culture in light of themes developed in this unit;
4. Demonstrate and critically reflect upon creative responses to contemporary contexts that are informed and transformed by the ‘Good News’.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: 2½ hours per week (Semester 1 & 2 – whole year)

Assessment:
- Two tutorial papers (750 words each) (40%)
- One reading log (1,000 words) (20%)
- One major essay (1,500 words) (40%)

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Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase