DM9036W  Global Mission Today

Offered:  2017: Intensive – April / June

This unit introduces some of the major trends and challenges in worldwide Christian mission today. By drawing on recent missiological insights, it addresses the current state of, and thinking behind much of modern mission strategy today. It introduces the following topics: contextualization and why mission is still relevant, the boundaries between aid & development and evangelism, world religions, inter-religious sensitivities, cross-cultural challenges, holistic mission, and non-traditional models of mission.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Outline current trends and issues in global mission today;
2. Critically evaluate a number of different missiological strategies;
3. Critically evaluate contextualisation and its impact on global mission today;
4. Research a particular mission and critically analyse their approach to mission.

Prerequisites:  45 points Foundational units

Class Time:  Intensive: 6 days (2 x 3 days)

Assessment:  One tutorial paper (1,000 words) (20%)
             One research project (2,000 words) (30%)
             Essay (3,000 words) (50%)

Faculty:  Ian Dicks and Mark Holt

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase