University of Tübingen - Faculty of Protestant Theology

Courses taught in English, Summer Semester 2017

Protestant Theology – Bachelor

Course title: “This is London Calling”: The Doctrine of God in Contemporary British Theology
Link: http://campus.uni-tuebingen.de/20171e152608
Course type: Hauptseminar
Contact hours: 2
Course coordinator: Taido Chino
Course description
This seminar will consider four figures in contemporary British theology: Sarah Coakley, Colin Gunton, John Webster, and Rowan Williams. These individuals are somewhat representative of the theological landscape in the United Kingdom, and as such the seminar will help introduce students to the diversity of theological work being done there. This seminar will focus on their articulations of a doctrine of God with the intention of 1) understanding the logic of their own distinct contributions, 2) situating them in relationship to each other and the broader Christian tradition, 3) recognizing historical and contemporary connections between them and Continental theology, and 4) considering their philosophical influences and presuppositions. Towards this end, selected readings from each thinker on the doctrine of God will be read together. For each session, approximately twenty pages will be discussed in detail with a total of about three-hundred pages for the term.

Coakley is a Cambridge theologian whose recent, God, Sexuality and the Self, advances what she calls a theologie totale that seeks to incorporate social sciences, feminism, visual art to inform a trinitarian theology based on divine desire. Gunton was a theologian working from the Reformed tradition whose profound work on the Trinity and Creation and their impact on theological discourse have yet to be fully appreciated. Webster, who suddenly died less than a year ago, was a theologian who endeavored to pursue theology that was focused on its proper object, namely "God, and all things in relation to God." Williams, formerly Archbishop of Canterbury, has contributed widely to the academy, church, and public life in Britain, with particularly important reflections on sacramental theology and ecclesiology.

Course title: Theological English
Link: http://campus.uni-tuebingen.de/20171e146220
Course type: Exercises
Contact hours: 2
Course coordinator: Dr. phil. Beth Langstaff
Target audience
This class is designed for non-native speakers of English (native speakers are also welcome).
Course description
Alister E. McGrath, Theology: The Basic Readings In this book, Alister McGrath, Professor of Science and Religion at the University of Oxford, offers a selection of short readings on the basic themes of Christian theology: Faith, God, Creation, Jesus, Salvation, Spirit, Trinity, Church, Sacraments, & Heaven. Each week, we’ll be reading and discussing McGrath’s overview of a particular topic, along with one or two excerpts from various authors, including N. T. Wright, Rosemary Radford Ruether, Stanley Hauerwas, John Meyendorff, Rowan Williams, Kathryn Tanner, C. S. Lewis, & Paul Tillich.