

MODULE TITLE: EUROPEAN STUDIES: THE MAKING OF EUROPE

MODULE CODE: FMM731

MODULE SUMMARY:

This module requires you to explore and critically engage with the issue of Christianity and the Making of Europe, focusing primarily on the witness, influence and legacy of 'faithful minorities' in the development and growth of communities that lived and formulated theology on the margins of society and the institutional church. Key themes and content will include the paradox of Europe; the roots of our cultures and the current debate on Christian roots; the idea of 'Europe' in past and present and the mixed record of European Christianity. You will also explore and critically engage with such creative minorities from the Desert Fathers and monastic movements (e.g. Celtic and Benedictine); the Renaissance and Reformations (mainstream Protestant, Catholic, Radical), and with renewals and social reform, to synthesise key trajectories in the growth and decline of institutional Christianity in Europe, with critical evaluation of the place for a missional presence and expression in contemporary contexts in the light of the lessons learnt from history.

SEMESTER OF DELIVERY: 1

CATS VALUE: 20

ECTS VALUE: 10

CONTACT HOURS:

Lectures 16 hours; Tutorials 4 hours.

Independent study: 180 hours (Directed learning 100 hours; Self-directed 80 hours)

Total hours for module: 200 hours.

MODULE LEADER: Jeff Fountain

MODE OF DELIVERY: Blended

PROGRAMME(S) FOR WHICH THIS MODULE IS MANDATORY:

MA Missional Leadership and European Studies

PGDip Missional Leadership and European Studies

PROGRAMMES WHERE THIS MODULE MAY BE TAKEN AS AN OPTION:

PGCert Missional Leadership and European Studies

NORMALLY AVAILABLE TO EXCHANGE STUDENTS: No

THE PRE-REQUIREMENT(S) FOR THIS MODULE ARE: None

THIS MODULE IS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR: N/A

RELEVANT BENCHMARKS/NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS:

- QAA Master's Degree Characteristics (February 2022):
https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/quality-code/master's-degree-characteristics-statement.pdf?sfvrsn=86c5ca81_18
- Subject Benchmark Statement - Theology and Religious Studies (March 2022):
<https://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code/subject-benchmark-statements/theology-and-religious-studies>

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

As a successful student you will be able to:

- Demonstrate independent study of the major narratives and foundational principles of the 'making of Europe.'
- Engage in advanced critical thinking through the evaluation of effective missional leadership approaches in European contexts and analysis of contextually appropriate skills applicable in different European contexts.
- Demonstrate capacity for independent thought and judgement including appreciation of alternative leadership perspectives within diverse European contexts.
- Formulate, communicate, debate, and defend concepts, ideas, and practical application in class time.
- Articulate your own original thinking, ideas, and approaches to European studies.

ASSESSMENT:

- Component 1: 75% Essay (3,750 words) critically engaging with the key content of the module, chosen by you from a short list of options set by the Programme Director.
KIS Category: Coursework
- Component 2: 25% Personal Development Profile Assessment Task (1,250 words or equivalent) as set out in the PDP Handbook
KIS Category: Coursework

READING STRATEGY:

This module requires that you interact with a complex range of sources. Since the discipline you are studying is based on practical and missional theology, the main body of literature will come from these fields of study and research. However, it will also draw on history which will need to be both focused on developments in European

history as well as church history. You will also need to engage with academic research in the fields of politics, justice, sociology, cultural anthropology, social psychology etc. Specialist tutors will provide workshops for you to engage in the investigation of the range of sources needed to help you engage in this module and to explore your own research interests.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Olofinjana, I. (2020). *World Christianity in Western Europe*. Regnum
Ballor, J.J. (ed.) (2017). *Makers of Modern Christian Social Thought: Leo XIII and Abraham Kuyper on the Social Question*. Grand Rapids: Action Institute.
Dawson, C. (2008). *Understanding Europe*. Washington: CUA Press.
Noll, M. (2012). *Turning Points*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker.
Siedentop, L. (2015). *Inventing the Individual - the origins of western liberalism*. London: Penguin.
Spencer, N. (2016). *The Evolution of the West*. London: SPCK.
Wessels, A. (2012). *Europe: Was it Ever Really Christian?* London: SCM Press.

Journals:

Missiology - An International Review (American Society of Missiology)
Journal of Missional Practice
Missional Focus Journal
International Review of Mission (WCC)
Range of numerous other journals and e-books/articles on ATLA/EBSCO accessed through Moodle