Courses in English and German in the academic year 2014/2015
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*The winter semester 2014/2015*

Courses recommended for students of Theology

Old Testament: Biblical Archaeology and Theology: Azeka (Discourse on the Methods) - RET1042
Lecture and Practice, 2 hours/week, 6 credits, Teachers: Filip Čapek, Professor Yuval Gadot;
The objective of the seminar is to inform about contemporary discussion that takes part between biblical theology and archaeology.
Emphasis will be laid on analysis and critical evaluation of individual positions held in this discussion starting with more general
concepts /interdisciplinarity, question of place of origin of Israel, verifiability of great biblical narratives etc./ and ending with
particular subjects /chronology, stratigraphy, architecture, pottery etc./. The place that will be preferentially dealt with is Ancient site
Tel Azeka.

New Testament Exegesis: Synoptic Readings – RET20384
Seminar, 2 hours/week, 6 credits, Teacher: Jan Roskovec, Th.D.
The four Gospels with their similar, yet in many ways differing perspectives on Jesus form an important part of the biblical canon.
Closer look at this “fourfold gospel” will be the main objective of the seminar. Few selected passages will serve as “case studies” for
examining both the common features and the differences, the “constants” and the “variables”, and for asking the questions about their
theological meaning. A practical exercise in the gospel exegesis. Knowledge of NT Greek is not required, yet welcome.

Theological Ethics Seminar – RET5052
Seminar, 2 hours/week, 6 credits, Teacher: Associate Professor Jindřich Halama, Dr.
The course is focused towards work on a specific ethical theme from a theological viewpoint. Aims at achieving basic orientation in
the theme covered and verifying whether the participants have acquired proficiency in the methodology of theological work with
ethical themes.

Seminar Kirchengeschichte : Kirche und Nationalismus - RET3052 oder RET3052A
Seminar, 2 Stunden/Woche, 6 Kredite (RET3052A 4 Kredite), Lehrer: Dr. Peter Morée
Die enge Verbindung zwischen Religion und Nation in Zentraleuropa bis 1945 war eng mit dem Nationalismus verbunden. Es gab

Church History: Introduction to the Bohemian Reformation I - RET3031
Lecture and Seminar, 2 hours/week, 4 credits, Teachers: Professor David Holton and Dr. Peter Morée
The Bohemian Reformation between ca. 1350 and 1620 started as a movement of spiritual and liturgical renewal, but entered with Jan
Hus a phase in which it offered an alternative model of the church. After a period of revolution and violence a phase of religious
pluralism started, in which its players had to find their relations to the other Reformations in Europe and to Rome.

Church History: Politics and Religion in Some European States – RET3056
Lecture, 2 hours/week, 4 credits, Teachers: Vasnessa Kopplin, M.A., and Dr. Peter Morée

Practical Theology: Churches’ Mission among Roma – RET6053
Seminar in blocks, takes place in weeks: Nov 3-7, Nov 10-14, Dec 8-12, Jan 12-16, 6 credits, Teacher: Dr. Anne Marie Cool

Practical Theology: The History and Practice of Christian Initiation - RET6051
Seminar, 2 hours/week, 6 credits, Teacher: Professor David Holton
This course covers the development of Christian Initiation from Jewish roots to the present day. Through lectures and assigned
readings in primary sources the student will become familiar with the historical development of Christian initiation practices, the
various theologies of initiation through the ages as well as the contemporary renewal of initiation practices in the churches. By the end of
the course students should have a solid background which to engage the contemporary reforms of initiation practice in their own
church as well as the place and theology of baptism and confirmation in ecumenical dialogue.

Religious Studies: Reconciling Elements of Czech Poetry, Jazz and Art - RET8057
Seminar, 2 hours/week, 4 credits, Teacher: Joyce J. Mauler, Ph.D.
The course will explore the spiritual, cultural, and historical heritage of the Czech milieu by putting poetic texts written by Jaroslav
Seifert and Jakub Trojan in dialogue with Czech jazz compositions, Czech artworks, and the voices of literary and musical theorists
from around the world. Emphasis will be placed on themes related to World War II and the communist era, but aspects of Czech
cultural creations that transcend the history of this region will also be explored. These considerations will be grounded in the
hypothesis that cultural creations provide a unique context where sacred and profane aspects of existence interact in ways that have
the potential to lead to deep encounters with mystery and meaning. The extent to which biblical and theological underpinnings remain
a vital part of the Czech cultural milieu will be explored, even as we expand our ability to experience the world around us poetically,
i.e., in a reconciled and reconciling way.
Courses recommended for students of Social Work

Social Work in Czech Republic I: Current Situation and Challenges – RPZ02
Lecture and Seminar, 2 hours/week, 5 credits; Teachers: PhDr. Eva Křížová, PhD., Mgr. Daniel Bartoň, PhDr. Hana Janečková, Ph.D., PhDr. Jaroslava Šťastná, Ph.D.
The course aims to introduce major social issues and concerns in CR which are closely associated with social work: socio-economic development after 1989, current social structure and emerging problems, approaches to solve them and basic coping strategies. The course will explore theories and concepts related to social exclusion and integration, legal concerns and brig examples of practical applications to be analysed and discussed by the course participants. The course is taught over a semester (12 sessions) with one lecture or seminar each week.

Theological Ethics: Civil Society and Human Rights – RD10204
Lecture, 2 hours/week, 5 credits, Teacher: ThDr. Pavel Keřkovský

Theological Ethics: Ethics for Helping Professions; Foundations and Applications – RD10504
Lecture and Seminar, 2 hours/week, 6 credits, Teacher: Associate professor Jindřich Halama, Dr.
The course will explore basic ideas of professional ethics in the context of ethical theory, professionalism and vocational ethics. It will start with applications in „helping professions‟ or „social professions‟ with casuistry taken foremost from Social Work as their representative. Against this background some of the foundational themes of ethics will be explored in the first part of the course, such as the concepts of good and evil, of happiness, conscience, duty etc. as these emerge in various practical situations. Theological and Christian Ethics will also be included as one of the foundational perspectives and will be also taken into the account when exploring concepts of profession. In the second part of the course some key themes in professional ethics will be discussed against the fundamental concepts and perspectives outlined in the former part of the course as they emerge in the work with specific target groups and professional legislation, codes of ethics or accounts of good practice. Emphasis will be given on the ethical problems and dilemmas taken from actual professional practice.

Theological Ethics: Psychological Crisis Co-operation – RD10704
Lecture and Seminar, 2 hours/week, 5 credits, Teacher: PhDr. Bohumila Baštecká, Ph.D.
Psychosocial Crisis Co-operation is the interdisciplinary field that deals with (family, community, organization) responses to emergencies and suffering. Lectures are given in English and they are based on student’s papers covering the main topics.

Social Work in Practice I – RPZ21A
5 credits, Teacher: PhDr. Hana Janečková, Ph.D.,
Placements will be realized only on the basis of previous arrangement