**Charles University, Protestant Theological Faculty**

**Courses in English and German in the academic year 2020/2021**

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**The summer semester 2021**

***Courses intended for all students***

**Czech for Foreigners – Beginners 2 - RET95332**

**Practice, 2 hours/week, 4 credits, Teacher: Mgr. Aleš Hoznauer**

Information about the nature and characteristics of the language, pronunciation, spelling. Comparison with English (language the course is taught in). The aim is to cover the material in the first 7-8 lessons of the textbook *New Czech Step by Step* (greetings, numbers, months, colours, time….. basic grammar) in written and spoken form.

***Courses recommended for students of Theology***

**Introduction to Latin American Liberation Theology - RET6043A**

**Seminar; 2 hours/week, 6 credits, Teacher: Associate Professor Tim Noble, Ph.D.**

Through the reading of texts by leading representatives of liberation theology, this course will examine the development and contemporary significance of this branch of theology, focusing also on its relevance for theology in Europe. It will examine the methodology, basic questions, Christology and ecclesiology of liberation theology. It will look at its relationship and understanding of economics and it will examine the way in which feminist theologians of liberation have pushed it to consider the importance of the role of gender. The final class will examine its relevance to Europe.

**Systematic Theology Seminar - RET4043A (The Understanding of Christian Faith)**

**Seminar, 2 hours/week, 6 credits, Teacher: Associate Professor Dr. Petr Macek, Ph.D.**

The texts assigned for the scheduled sessions will be made available to each participant for critical reading and assessing. In each session the content of the text will be summarized and debating of its main ideas will follow. The course will open with the minimum of 2 participants.

**Bible and History - RET10427**

**Lecture, 2 hours/week, 2 credits, Teacher: Associate Professor Jan Dušek, Ph.D.**

Our objective is to scrutinize the Old Testament texts which concern the period of the Iron Age in the light of the North-West Semitic epigraphic sources. We will study selected inscriptions written in Aramaic and in Canaanite languages, which concern the texts of the Old Testament.

**Church History Seminar (English) - RET3054 or RET3054A (Churches in the Cold War)**

**Seminar, 2 hours/week, 6 credits (4 credits for RET3054A), Teacher: Dr. Peter Morée**

The communist regime after the Second World War had the aim to suppress and eventually ban religion and churches from society. They implemented a system of oppression, but they also successfully used the churches for their aims of propaganda. Which were the main stages, how did the churches in Czechoslovakia or in other European countries react? Students will gain knowledge about the situation of the churches between 1945 and 1989 and the specific dilemmas this reality put before them, i.e. especially in communist Czechoslovakia, with some comparison to other European countries.

**The First Thousand Years of the Global Christianity: History and Thought - RET7031**

**Lecture, 2 hours/week, 2 credits, Teacher: Viacheslav Lytvynenko, Ph.D.**

Lecture on philosophy (first and second block): The aim of the course is to extend students' knowledge of philosophy by examining a particular theme, school, or philosopher, taking into account the broader systematic and historical context. Evaluation: colloquium.

**Theological Ethics Seminar (English) - RET5042A or RET5042A3 (Hebrew Bible Ethics)**

**Seminar, 2 hours/week, 6 credits (3 credits for RET5042A3), Teachers: Dr. Jan Rückl and Dr. Jan Zámečník**

Bruce C. Birch is a Hebrew Bible scholar who taught at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C. Connecting Hebrew Bible with the modern church, his book "Let Justice Roll Down:The Old Testament, Ethics, and Christian Life" is one of the major contributions to the relationship between Hebrew Bible and Christian Ethics and relates the testimonies and stories of Israel's faith in the Hebrew canon to the character and conduct of Christians and the Christian community today. The book covers a wide range of issues and is covers these topics: The Role of the Old Testament in Christian Ethics; Old Testament Narrative and Moral Address; Creator and Creation; From Promise to Deliverance; People of the Covenant; Royal Ideal and Royal Reality; Prophetic Confrontation; Exile and Return; Wisdom and Morality.

**Seminar Philosophie (Deutsch) - RET7061 („Haben die Menschen sich selbst Sprache erfinden können?“: Die Sprachphilosophie Herders)**

**Seminar, 2 Stunden/Woche, 6 Kredite, Lehrer: Jan Kranát, Ph.D., Olga Navrátilová, Ph.D.**

Im Rahmen des Seminars werden die Texte Johann Gottfried Herders (1744-1803) gelesen. Dieser Autor hat ziemlich originale Konzeption der Sprache (als einer Volks-Sprache) entwickelt und damit die nationale Wiedergeburt der kleinen slawischen Völker Ost-Europas (z. B. der Tschechen) stark beeinflusst. Seine Texte werden auf Deutsch gelesen und interpretiert.
Da der Seminar in der Kollaboration mit dem Institut für Systematische Theologie der Fridrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg vorbereitet wird, einbezieht er auch zwei gemeinsame Blockseminare(einer in Erlangen, einer in Prag, wahrscheinlich im Mai). Als Bedingung für die Erteilung des Scheins wird die aktive Teilnahme erwartet.

**Introduction to Missiology - RET6057**

**Seminar; 2 hours/week, 6 credits, Teacher: Associate Professor Tim Noble, Ph.D.**

This course serves as an introduction to the academic discipline of missiology. It begins by examining ways of understanding mission, before moving on to look at the development of the discipline of missiology itself. It then turns to Biblical readings of mission, examining especially the development of a missional hermeneutics, then investigates some of the ways in which the history of mission has been written. The course then looks at some key questions in contemporary missiology, such as the relation to other religions, the role of the recipient of mission and the place of evangelism in mission. It concludes with a discussion of the role and importance of context in mission and with a look at the difficulties of talking about how mission should be done.

**Block Seminar in Archaeology - RET1072B**

**Block Seminar, 2 credits, Teachers: Associate Professor Filip Čapek, Ph.D., David Rafael Moulis, Ph.D.**

This block seminar is planned on an aspect of biblical archaeology, with participation by a teacher from Tel Aviv University.

**Old Testament Theology - RET10425 (Hebrew Bible and Anti-Judaism)**

**Block Seminar, 3 credits, Teachers: Associate Professor Martin Prudký, Dr., Associate Professor Filip Čapek, Ph.D., Associate Professor Petr Sláma, Ph.D., Prof. Manfred Oeming (Heidelberg University)**

This 2-day block seminar is planned for May 2021 and is intended for theology students at master’s or doctoral level. All students are expected to attend as active participants. Obligatory readings are to be read in advance, short papers on particular issues will be presented and discussed in the sessions (circa 30 minutes). For the purpose of mutual communication and sharing of material there will be a web page available in the intranet. Before the meeting students are invited to consult their readings and paper preparations with the teachers.

**Archaeological expedition - Tel Azeka 2021 - RET1054**

**Two-week archaeological excavation in July/August 2021, 6 credits, Teachers: Associate Professor Filip Čapek, Ph.D., David Rafael Moulis, Ph.D.**

This two-week summer archaeological excavation in Tel Azekah in Shephelah, Israel, is a continuation of co-operation with Institute of Archaeology of the University Tel Aviv as part of the Lautenschläger Azekah Excavation Project which the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University has been a part of for seven years. For financial reasons, the number of students participating is limited, and a selection procedure will be held during the summer semester.

***Courses recommended for students of Social Work***

**Health, culture and society; Social, cultural and religious aspects of health and health care – RPZ01**

**Lecture and Seminar, 2 hours/week, 5 credits, Teacher: Associate Professor PhDr. Eva Křížová, Ph.D.**

In this course various links between human health, disease and socio-cultural conditions will be studied. Health, disease and health care will be explored in the historical and cultural perspective. Paradigms of health and disease in ancient and modern cultures will be compared.

Selected topics from the list will be presented:

Religious and spiritual aspects of human illnesses and treatments will be investigated. Focus on health and health promotion in religious systems will be discovered. A special focus will be paid to extreme and life changing situations like dying, suicide, lethal illness, stillbirth, abortion, loss in the family, injury etc. Archaic, traditional and modern medical systems will be compared and discussed. Medicalization of modern society will be demonstrated. Complementary and alternative medicine as a part of integrated medicine.

Pedagogical tools:

This course is based on ACTIVE LEARNING. Lectures will be combined with seminars (reading and discussions)

Students will be encouraged to contribute actively to the course content by means of their written essays, presentations and group discussions. This course is suitable for Erasmus incoming students who can contribute to the intercultural and international perspective in perceiving health and disease as cultural phenomena.

**Person Centered Approaches and their Use in Working with Frail Old People - RPZ102 (Validation, pre-therapy, basal stimulation, videotraining of interaction, reminiscence)**

**Lecture and practice, 2 hours/week, 5 credits, Teacher: PhDr. Hana Janečková, Ph.D.**

The course is intended for students of theology as well as for students of social work and pastoral care, who want to be prepared for the demographic ageing of population and growing number of older people in our society, in communities and congregations. It will help the participants of the course to understand positive and negative consequences of ageing. It will specially aim to the problems connected with very old age, connected with the losses in area of autonomy, health, communication and cognition. Examples of appropriate methods of work, approaches and therapies to support contact, dignity and social inclusion of old person will be brought and also the support of family carers.

**Social Work in the Czech Republic I; Current Situation and Challenges – RPZ02**

**Lecture and Seminar, 2 hours/week, 5 credits; Teachers: Associate Professor PhDr. Eva Křížová, Ph.D., 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 of the society – major trends, 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 provide examples of practical applications to be analysed and discussed by the course participants.

**Social Work in Practice I - RPZ21B**

**Practice placement, ca. 50 hours total, 5 credits, Supervisor: PhDr. Hana Janečková, Ph.D.**

A supervised practice placement (or placements) in a social work setting with some academic output also required. The placement is chosen individually in consultation with the supervisor, taking into account the interests of the student. The number of placements open to students who do not speak Czech is limited, so students interested in this course should write well in advance to the Office for International Relations outlining their motivation and interests and giving several alternative client groups they are interested in working with.

This course is only open to exchange students enrolled at the Protestant Theological Faculty.