

P50SF06 Political Theology

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Course Description

The relation between politics and religion has been one of the most contentious issues in the modern period. This course will examine the tradition of theological reflection on the nature of justice and the state. This survey course will expose students to the key texts from this tradition, including those of Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, and Barth. The key developments of Christendom, modernity, and the secularisation of politics will all be covered. Issues covered in the course will include the nature of politics, sovereignty, justice, law, and democracy. Students will be encouraged to reflect on the relationship of church and state in their own countries, and reflect theologically on global and regional politics.

Method of Teaching

A combination of lectures, readings, writing and discussion.

Course Assessment

To complete this course you need to write six minor assignments and one major assignment.

1) Minor Assignments

There are six pieces of minor assessment, being the weekly tasks in weeks two to seven as found below. All are due in class on the Thursday for that week's readings (15, 22, 29 September and 6, 13, 20 October 2016). They will be graded and returned with comments. Each piece of work should be 500 words, which should be considered a minimum guide for this work. Each piece is worth 8% of the course, making a total of 48% of the overall grade for the course.

2) Major Assignment

The one major assignment (worth 52%, due end of Assessment Week) is to write a "Mirror for Princes" (*speculum principis*) for a fictitious political leader in your country. In 3000–4000 words you must outline how a good political leader from your country ought to rule. You can write this specifically for a male or a female ruler, or a generic one. Your essay must demonstrate an understanding of the genre of "Mirror for Princes" and draw on scripture, Christian theological traditions, and your own culture. In outlining your advice for how a political leader ought to and ought not to conduct themselves, you might write about what they must and must not do and why, what company they should keep and what to avoid, what virtues they should cultivate and how they should acquire and keep them. You might also discuss how they conduct the internal affairs of the nation, the administration of justice, international affairs, and the use of violence to achieve their aims.

In understanding what is required you might find this quote helpful:

As a genre, the mirror for princes follows certain conventions. It typically begins with a "humility topos." The author disclaims any particular linguistic or political ability to advise the prince, but accepts the responsibility either because his work was commissioned by him, or because the author believes it to be in the best interests of the kingdom. The substantive discussion of political ideas is organized around a narrative order – the transformation of the prince into an ideal king. In some works this presented in part as a physical transformation, and the advice includes principles of nutrition, hygiene, and instruction in a variety of subjects. In others the transformation is metaphorical; the prince's moral and intellectual infancy is gradually exchanged

for a mature wisdom and virtue. The text is characteristically enlivened by *exempla* from Scriptural and classical stories of good and bad rulers. All political mirrors emphasize the development of character, good judgement, and the classical virtues of courage, justice, temperance, and prudence, as well as the princely qualities of liberality, magnificence, generosity, and authority. The differences in mirrors stem from their authors' disagreements about the essential nature of kingship and the problems of ruling as well as the differences brought about by political culture and context.

(Kate Langdon Forhan's editorial "Introduction" to Christine de Pizan's *The Book of the Body Politic*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994, pp. xvii–xviii.)

Sources for the Major Assignment include (but should not be limited to) these:

Cultural Sources

Cultural expectations of rulers drawn from appropriate sources, such as stories, songs, fables, scholarly materials and biographies of past rulers.

Selected Biblical Sources

- Deuteronomy 17
- Job 29
- The narratives of Solomon and David, including Psalm 72

Primary Source examples of this literature include (in chronological order)

- Augustine. 426. *De Civitate Dei (City of God)*. Book V, Chapter 24. Various translations in the library and online: <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/120105.htm>
- Sedulius Scottus. c. 843–869. *De rectoribus Christianis*. English translation 2010, *On Christian Rulers*, edited by R. W. Dyson. Woodbridge: Boydell & Brewer.
- John of Salisbury. 1159. *Policraticus*. English translation 1990, *Policraticus: Of the Frivolities of Courtiers and the Footprints of Philosophers*, edited and translated by Cary J. Nederman. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Also online at <http://www.constitution.org/salisbury/policrat.htm>
- Thomas Aquinas. c. 1265. *De Regno, Ad Regem Cypri (On Kingship, to the King of Cyprus)*. translated by Gerald B. Phelan, revised by I. Th. Eschmann, O.P. Online: <http://dhspriory.org/thomas/DeRegno.htm>
- Giles of Rome. c. 1270s. *De Regimine Principum (On the Rule of Princes)*
- Christine de Pizan. 1407. *Livre du corps de policie*. English Translation: 1994. *The Book of the Body Politic*, edited by Kate L. Forhan Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Erasmus. 1516. *Institutio principis Christiani (The Education of a Christian Prince)*. Online: http://www.stoics.com/erasmus_s_education_of_a_chris.html
- George Buchanan. 1579. *De Iure Regni apud Scotos Dialogus (A Dialogue on the Law of Kingship)*. English translation, *A Dialogue Concerning the Rights of the Crown in Scotland* by Robert MacFarlan online: <http://www.portagepub.com/products/caa/buchanan.html>
- King James I. 1603. *Basilikon Doron*. Original version online: http://www.stoics.com/basilikon_doron.html Modernised English version online: <http://www.reproachofmen.org/bible-versions/basilikon-doron/>

Selections of some of these texts can be found in:

- Lewis, Ewart. 1954. *Medieval Political Ideas*, 2 Volumes. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. Online: Vol. 1 - <https://archive.org/details/medievalpolitica01lewi> | Vol. 2 - <https://archive.org/details/medievalpolitica02lewi>
- McGrade, Arthur Stephen, John Kilcullen and Matthew Kempshall. 2001. *The Cambridge Translations of Medieval Philosophical Texts: Volume 2, Ethics and Political Philosophy* Cambridge, U.K. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- O'Donovan, Oliver and Joan Lockwood O'Donovan, eds. 1999. *From Irenaeus to Grotius: A Sourcebook in Christian Political Thought, 100–1625*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

Secondary sources on this literature include

- Lambertini, Roberto. 2011. "Mirrors for Princes." In *Encyclopedia of Medieval Philosophy: Philosophy between 500 and 1500*. Editor Henrik Lagerlund 791–797. Dordrecht: Springer Netherlands.
- Leithart, Peter J. 2015. "Good Rule." In *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Political Theology*, edited by Craig Hovey and Elizabeth Phillips, 256–273. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Parsons, Wilfrid. 1942. "The Mediaeval Theory of the Tyrant." In *The Review of Politics* 4(2): 129–143.

Course Texts

Required Texts

The set text for this course will be a course reader available from the bookshop.

Further Reading

In addition to the required readings for each session there are other readings listed. These are often the source material for lectures and provide further sources to assist with completion of assignments. Below are further readings relating to contextual political theologies and the Pacific region.

Selected Works in Contextual Political Theology

- Gutiérrez, Gustavo. 1973. *A Theology of Liberation: History, Politics, and Salvation*. London: SCM Press. [in library]
- Katongole, Emmanuel. 2011. *The Sacrifice of Africa: A Political Theology for Africa*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- Roberts, J. Deotis. 1974. *A Black Political Theology*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press. [in library]
- Song, C. S. 1981. *The Tears of Lady Meng: A Parable of People's Political Theology*. Geneva: World Council of Churches. [in library]
- Tinker, George E. 2004. *Spirit and Resistance: Political Theology and American Indian Liberation*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. [in library]
- De La Torre, Miguel A. 2015. *The Politics of Jesús: A Hispanic Political Theology*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield. [in library]

Selected Books on Politics in the Pacific

- Busch, Werner vom, et al. 1994. *New Politics in the South Pacific*. Rarotonga and Suva: Institute of Pacific Studies in association with the Pacific Islands Political Studies Association. [in library]
- Ewins, Rory. 1998. *Changing Their Minds: Tradition and Politics in Contemporary Fiji and Tonga*. Christchurch: Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies. [in library]
- Holtz, Andreas, Matthias Kowasch Oliver Hasenkamp, eds. 2016. *A Region in Transition: Politics and Power in the Pacific Island Countries*. Saarbrücken: Universaar. Online: <http://universaar.uni-saarland.de/monographien/volltexte/2016/143>
- Levy, Josh. 2008. *Micronesian Government: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. A Micronesian Civics Textbook*. Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia: Micronesian Seminar. Online: <http://www.micsem.org/pubs/books/microcivics.htm>

Selected Journals Covering Politics in the Pacific

- *Development Bulletin*, Development Studies Network, ANU <https://crawford.anu.edu.au/rmap/devnet/dev-bulletin.php>

Course Outline

This course is taught over seven weeks with two sessions a week.

Week 1 - Course Introduction (week beginning 5 September 2016)

Weekly Task

none

Session 1: Introduction to "Political Theology"

Required Reading

- *none*

Further Optional Reading

- Cavanaugh, William T., Jeffrey W. Bailey and Craig Hovey, eds., 2012. *An Eerdmans Reader in Contemporary Political Theology*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- Forrester, Duncan B. 1988. *Theology and Politics*. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Hovey, Craig and Elizabeth Phillips, eds. 2015. *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Political Theology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Kirwan, Michael. 2008. *Political Theology: A New Introduction*. London: DLT.
- O'Donovan, Oliver. 1999 *The Desire of the Nations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Phillips, Elizabeth. 2012. *Political Theology: A Guide for the Perplexed*. London: T&T Clark.
- Scott, Peter and William T. Cavanaugh, eds., 2003. *The Blackwell Companion to Political Theology*. Malden: Blackwell.
- Schmitt, Carl. 2005. *Political Theology: Four Chapters on the Concept of Sovereignty*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Session 2: Introduction to "Politics" in the Pacific

Required Reading

- Sahlins, Marshall D. 1963. "Poor Man, Rich Man, Big-Man, Chief: Political Types in Melanesia and Polynesia." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 5 (3):285–303.
- Weber, Max. 1919. "Politics as a Vocation" ("Politik als Beruf"). In *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, 77–78. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul. [in library]

Further Optional Reading

- Belshaw, Cyril. 1947. "Native Politics in the Solomon Islands." *Pacific Affairs* 20 (2):187-193.
- Hau'ofa, Epeli. 1971. "Mekeo Chieftainship." *The Journal of the Polynesian Society* 80 (2):152–169.
- Heywood, Andrew. 2007. *Politics*. 3rd edition. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Schmitt, Carl. 2007. *The Concept of the Political*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Tomlinson, Matt and Debra McDougall, eds. 2013. *Christian Politics in Oceania*. New York: Berghahn Books. [in library]
- Wogaman, J. Philip. 1988. *Christian Perspectives on Politics*. London: SCM Press.

Week 2 - Theological Politics (week beginning 12 September 2016)

Weekly Task

Outline the political importance of one Christian practice or element of Christian worship.

Session 3: The Church as a Political Society

Required Reading

- Ephesians 2:19-22
- Philippians 3:20
- Wannenwetsch, Bernd. 2007. "Liturgy." In *The Blackwell Companion to Political Theology*, edited by Peter Scott and William T. Cavanaugh, 76–90. Malden: Blackwell.

Further Optional Reading

- Badini Confalonieri, Luca. 2012. *Democracy in the Christian Church: An Historical, Theological and Political Case*. London: Bloomsbury. [in library]
- Leeman, Jonathan. 2016. *Political Church: The Local Assembly as Embassy of Christ's Rule*. Downers Grove: IVP Academic.
- Stumpf, Christoph and Holger Zaborowski, eds. 2004. *Church as Politeia: The Political Self-Understanding of Christianity*. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter.
- Wannenwetsch, Bernd. 2004. *Political Worship: Ethics for Christian Citizens*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Yoder, John Howard. 2001. *Body Politics: Five Practices of the Christian Community before the Watching World*. Scottdale: Herald Press.

Session 4: The Bible as a Political Book

Required Reading

- Matthew 22:15-21
- Luke 1:46-55
- Barr, James. 1980. "The Bible as a Political Document." *Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester* 62 (2):268–289.

Further Optional Reading

- Bauckham, Richard. 1989. *The Bible in Politics: How to Read the Bible Politically* Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press. [in library]
- Cassidy, Richard J. and Philip J. Scharper, eds. 1983. *Political Issues in Luke-Acts*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books. [in library]
- Frey, Christofer. 1994. "The Biblical Tradition in the Perspective of Political Theology and Political Ethics" In *Politics and Theopolitics in the Bible and Postbiblical Literature*, edited by Henning Graf Reventlow, Yair Hoffman and Benjamin Uffenheimer, 55–65. Sheffield: JSOT Press.
- Gorringer, Tim. 1998. "Political readings of Scripture." In *The Cambridge Companion to Biblical Interpretation*, edited by John Barton, 67–80. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Gottwald, Norman K. and Richard A. Horsley eds. 1993. *The Bible and Liberation: Political and Social Hermeneutics*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books.
- McConville, J. G. 2008. *God and Earthly Power: An Old Testament Political Theology, Genesis-Kings*. London: T&T Clark.
- Myers, Ched. 1988. *Binding the Strong Man: A Political Reading of Mark's Story of Jesus* Maryknoll: Orbis Books. [in library]
- Pilgrim, Walter E. 1999. *Uneasy Neighbors: Church and State in the New Testament*. Overtures to Biblical Theology. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. [in library]
- Rowland, Christopher. 2015. "Scripture". In *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Political Theology*, edited by Craig Hovey and Elizabeth Phillips, 157–175. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Tapie, Matthew A. and Daniel Wade McClain. eds. 2015. *Reading Scripture as a Political Act: Essays on the Theopolitical Interpretation of the Bible*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.

- Walzer, Michael. 1985. *Exodus and Revolution*. New York: Basic Books.
- Walzer, Michael. 2012. *In God's Shadow: Politics in the Hebrew Bible*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Week 3 - Empires: For and Against (week beginning 19 September 2016)

Weekly Task

Write a reply to one Christian argument in favour of Empire.

Session 5: Christian and Other Empires

Required Reading

- 2 Thessalonians 2:4-12
- Revelation 13
- Engelbert of Admont. 1954. "The Problem of Empire: Engelbert of Admont." In *Medieval Political Ideas*, Volume 2, edited by Ewart Lewis, 472–484. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. Online: <https://archive.org/stream/medievalpolitica02lewi#page/472/mode/2up>

Further Optional Reading

- Brent, Allen. 2009. *A Political History of Early Christianity*. London: T&T Clark.
- Compier, Don H., Kwok Pui-lan and Joerg Rieger, eds. 2007. *Empire and the Christian Tradition: New Readings of Classical Theologians*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.
- Dante, 1996. *Monarchy (De monarchia)*, edited and translated by Prue Shaw. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Eusebius of Caesarea. 1965. *The History of the Church: From Christ to Constantine*, edited by Andrew Louth, translated by G. A. Williamson. London: Penguin Books.
- Rieger, Joerg. 2007. *Christ and Empire: From Paul to Postcolonial Times*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.
- Stanley, Christopher D., ed. 2011. *The Colonized Apostle: Paul through Postcolonial Eyes*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. [in library]
- Zocca, Franco. 2007. *Melanesia and Its Churches: Past and Present*. Goroka: Melanesian Institute for Pastoral and Socio-Economic Service.

Session 6: Christians against Empire

Required Reading

- Mark 5:1-13
- Revelation 18
- Weil, Simone. 2003. "Colonization" and "The Colonial Question and the Destiny of the French People." In *Simone Weil on Colonialism: An Ethic of the Other*, edited and translated by J. P. Little, 27–28, 105–119. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.
- World Alliance of Reformed Churches. 2004. "The Accra Confession." ONLINE: <http://wrc.ch/accra/the-accra-confession>

Further Optional Reading

- Abraham, Susan. 2015. "Postcolonial Theology." In *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Political Theology*, edited by Craig Hovey and Elizabeth Phillips, 133–153. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Banivanua Mar, Tracey. 2016. *Decolonisation and the Pacific: Indigenous Globalisation and the Ends of Empire*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Brookfield, H. C. 1972. *Colonialism, Development and Independence: The Case of the Melanesian Islands in the South Pacific*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [in library]

- Casas, Bartolomé de las. 1992. *The Only Way*, edited by Helen Rand Parish, translated by Francis Patrick Sullivan. Mahwah: Paulist Press.
- Denoon, Donald, ed. 1997. *Emerging from Empire? Decolonisation in the Pacific: Proceedings of a Workshop at the Australian National University, December 1996*. Canberra: Division of Pacific Asian History, Australian National University.
- Keller, Catherine, Michael Nausner, and Mayra Rivera, eds. 2004. *Postcolonial Theologies: Divinity and Empire*. St. Louis: Chalice Press. [in library]
- Kelly, John D. and Martha Kaplan. 2001. *Represented Communities: Fiji and World Decolonization* Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [in library]
- Míguez, Néstor, Joerg Rieger and Jung Mo Sung. 2009. *Beyond the Spirit of Empire: Theology and Politics in a New Key*. London: SCM Press.
- Stringfellow, William. 2004. *An Ethic for Christians and Other Aliens in a Strange Land*. Eugene, Or: Wipf & Stock.

Week 4 - The Rise of Pacific Nations (week beginning 26 September 2016)

Weekly Task

Outline the case for or against patriotism.

Session 7: National Independence and Sovereignty

Required Reading

- **Micah 4**
- **Berdyaev, Nicolas. 1943. *Slavery and Freedom*. London: Geoffrey Bles. Part III.I(A): The Lure of Sovereignty. The Twofold Image of the State, 139–154.**

Further Optional Reading

- Agamben, Giorgio. 1998. *Homo Sacer: Sovereign Power and Bare Life*, translated by Daniel Heller-Roazen. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- Bodin, Jean. 1992. *On Sovereignty*, edited by Julian H. Franklin. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Bush, Joseph E. 1999. "Defining Group Rights and Delineating Sovereignty: A Case from the Republic of Fiji." *American University International Law Review* 14 (3):735–759.
- Connell, J. 1981. "Independence, Dependence and Fragmentation in the South Pacific." *GeoJournal*, 5(6), 583–588.
- Davidson, J. W. 1971. "The Decolonization of Oceania" In *The Journal of Pacific History* 6:133–150.
- Elshtain, Jean Bethke. 2008. *Sovereignty: God, State, and Self*. New York: Basic Books.
- Maritain, Jacques. 1950. "The Concept of Sovereignty" *The American Political Science Review* 44 (2):343–357.
- Maritain, Jacques. 1998. *Man and the State*. Washington: Catholic University of America Press.
- Schmitt, Carl. 2005. *Political Theology: Four Chapters on the Concept of Sovereignty*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Session 8: Pacific Nationalisms

Required Reading

- **Genesis 10:32**
- **Deuteronomy 32:8**
- **Acts 17:26-27**
- **Garrison, William Lloyd. 1852, "Patriotism and Christianity—Kossuth and Jesus." In *Selections from the Writings and Speeches of William Lloyd Garrison. With an Appendix*, 78–86. Boston: R. F. Wallcut.**
- **King, Martin Luther, Jr. 1953. "The False God of Nationalism." Sermon. Online: <http://mlk->**

Further Optional Reading

- Anderson, Benedict. 2006. *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. London: Verso.
- Coleman, John and Miklós Tomka, eds. 1995. *Religion and Nationalism*. Concilium. Maryknoll: Orbis Books. [in library]
- Ewins, Rory. 1998. *Changing Their Minds: Tradition and Politics in Contemporary Fiji and Tonga*. Christchurch: Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies. [in library]
- Foster, Robert J., ed. 1997. *Nation Making: Emergent Identities in Postcolonial Melanesia*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- Gellner, Ernest. 2006. *Nations and Nationalism*. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Long, Michael G., and Tracy W. Sadt, eds. 2007. *God and Country?: Diverse Perspectives on Christianity and Patriotism*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Otto, Ton and Nicholas Thomas, eds. 1997. *Narratives of Nation in the South Pacific*. Amsterdam: Harwood Academic Publishers. [in library]
- Renan, Ernest. 2010. "What Is a Nation?." In *On the Nation and the 'Jewish People'* by Ernest Renan and Shlomo Sand. Translated by David Fernbach. London: Verso.
- Robie, David. 1989. *Blood on their Banner: Nationalist Struggles in the South Pacific*. Leichhardt: Pluto Press Australia. [in library]
- Tolstoy, Leo. 1933. *Christianity and Patriotism*. Translated by Constance Garnett. London: Jonathan Cape.

Week 5 - Christian and Secular Societies (week beginning 3 October 2016)

Weekly Task

Argue for or against the inclusion of Christianity and/or God in your nation's constitution.

Session 9: Christian States and Constitutions

Required Reading

- Psalm 33:12
- Matthew 10:32
- Romans 13:1-7
- Bush, Joseph E. 1999. "Claiming a Christian State Where None Exists: Church and State in the Republic of Fiji." *Pacifica* 12 (1):55–68.

Further Optional Reading

- Eliot, T. S. 1951. *The Idea of a Christian Society*. London: Faber and Faber. [in library]
- Fullerton, Leslie Douglas. 1969. *From Christendom to Pluralism in the South Seas Church-State Relations in the Twentieth Century*. Madison: Drew University. [in library]
- Larmour, Peter. 2002. "Westminster Constitutions in the South Pacific: A "Policy Transfer" Approach." *Asian Journal of Political Science*, 10 (1):39–54.
- Nacanaitaba, Savenaca. 1995. "The Christian State Debate: Crusading or Crucified Church?" *Constitution Review Research Papers*, No. 10 July 1995.
- Niukula, Paula. 1997. "Religion and the State." In *Fiji in Transition*. Research Papers of the Fiji Constitution Review Commission, edited by Brij V. Lal and Tomasi Vakatora, 53–79. Suva: University of the South Pacific.
- O'Donovan, Oliver. 1996. *The Desire of the Nations: Rediscovering the Roots of Political Theology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Ryle, Jacqueline. 2005. "Roots of Land and Church: The Christian State Debate in Fiji." *International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church*, 5 (1):58–78.

- USP Pacific Law Collection <http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=12235> (constitutions and laws of several Pacific states)

Session 10: Secular and Liberal Democracies

Required Reading

- Exodus 18:26
- Deuteronomy 1:13
- Galatians 3:28
- Galatians 5:1, 13
- Yoder, John Howard. 1984. "The Christian Case for Democracy." In *The Priestly Kingdom: Social Ethics as Gospel*, 151–171. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press.

Further Optional Reading

- Crocombe, Ron, et al., eds. 1992. *Culture and Democracy in the South Pacific* Suva: Institute of Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific.
- De Gruchy, John W. 1995. *Christianity and Democracy: A Theology for a Just World Order*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Hauerwas, Stanley. 1981. "The Church and Liberal Democracy: The Moral Limits of a Secular Polity." In *A Community of Character: Toward a Constructive Christian Social Ethic*, 72–86. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press.
- Hovey, Craig. 2015. "Liberalism and Democracy." In *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Political Theology*, edited by Craig Hovey and Elizabeth Phillips, 197–217. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Larmour, Peter. 1994. "'A Foreign Flower'? Democracy in the South Pacific." *Pacific Studies* 17 (1):45–77.
- Lawson, Stephanie. 1993. "The Politics of Tradition: Problems for Political Legitimacy and Democracy in the South Pacific." *Pacific Studies*, 16 (2):1–29.
- Lawson, Stephanie. 1996 *Tradition versus Democracy in the South Pacific: Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa*. Cambridge New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Maritain, Jacques. 1945. *Christianity and Democracy*. Translated by Doris C. Anson. London: Geoffrey Bles.
- Ravuvu, Asesele Drekeivalu. 1991. *The Facade of Democracy: Fijian Struggles for Political Control, 1830-1987*. Suva, Fiji: Reader Publishing House. [in library]
- So'o, Asofou. 2008. *Democracy and Custom in Sāmoa: An Uneasy Alliance*. Suva: IPS Publications, University of the South Pacific.

Week 6 - Political Participation and Influence (week beginning 10 October 2016)

Weekly Task

How you would reply to someone who says that Christians should not engage in politics?

Session 11: Christians in Politics

Required Reading

- Jeremiah 29:7
- Psalm 72
- Lini, Walter. 1987. "Christians in Politics". In *The Gospel Is Not Western: Black Theologies from the Southwest Pacific*, edited by G. W. Trompf, 183–185. Maryknoll: Orbis Books.
- Momis, John. 1975. "Values for Involvement." *Catalyst* 5 (3):3–18.

Further Optional Reading

- Corbett, Jack. 2015. *Being Political: Leadership and Democracy in the Pacific Islands*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. [in library]
- Corbett, Jack. 2013. "'A calling from God': politicians and religiosity in the Pacific Islands". *Global Change, Peace & Security* 25 (3):283–298.
- Hanson, Paul D. 2010. *Political Engagement as Biblical Mandate*. Eugene: Cascade Books.
- Joireman, Sandra F. 2009. *Church, State, and Citizen: Christian Approaches to Political Engagement*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [in library]
- Leithart, Peter J. 2015. "Good Rule." In *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Political Theology*, edited by Craig Hovey and Elizabeth Phillips, 256–273. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Lini, Walter. "Should the Church Play Politics?". In *The Pacific Way: Social Issues in National Development*, ed. Tupouniu et al., p. 176.
- Murphy, Patrick. 1975. "Momis's Theology of Politics Interpreted" In *Catalyst* 5 (3):19–46.
- Niditauae, Thomas. 1985. *Pastors in Politics: The Question of Political Involvement and Church Leadership in Vanuatu*. Diploma in Theology Thesis. Suva: Pacific Theological College. [in library]
- Tangaroa, Neemia. 1990. *Jesus and the Political Authorities: Mark's Teaching for Kiribati Christians' Involvement in Politics*. MTh Thesis. Suva: Pacific Theological College. [in library]
- Temple, William. 1942. *Christianity and Social Order*. London: Penguin.

Session 12: Christians against Politics

Required Reading

- 1 Samuel 8
- Psalm 146:3
- John 18:36
- Acts 5:29
- Cavanaugh, William T. 1999. "The City: Beyond Secular Parodies." In *Radical Orthodoxy: A New Theology*, edited by John Milbank, Catherine Pickstock, Graham Ward, 182–200. London: Routledge.

Further Optional Reading

- Cavanaugh, William T. 2002. *Theopolitical Imagination*. London: T&T Clark. [in library]
- Ellul, Jacques. 1991. *Anarchy and Christianity*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. [in library]
- Gnuse, Robert. 2011. *No Tolerance for Tyrants: The Biblical Assault on Kings and Kingship*. Collegeville: Liturgical Press.
- Tolstoy, Leo, *The Kingdom of God Is Within You*. Online: <https://archive.org/details/thekingdomofgodi00tols>
- Yoder, John Howard. 1994. *The Politics of Jesus: Vicit Agnus Noster*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. [in library]

Week 7 - Current Political Issues in the Pacific (week beginning 17 October 2016)

Weekly Task

What is the actual or potential role of the Church in countering corruption in your society?

Session 13: Power and Corruption

Required Reading

- Deuteronomy 17:14-20
- 1 Kings 21
- Isaiah 1:23
- Asante, Emmanuel. 2014. *Theology and Society in Context: A Theologist's Reflections on Selected Topics*. Accra: SonLife Press. Chapter Ten: "Corruption: A Theological and Ethical Reflection", 97–105.
- Ellul, Jacques. 1979. "Lust for Power." *Katallagete* 7 (2):30–33.

- Wickberg, Sofia and Finn Heinrich. 'Corruption and Anti-Corruption in Fiji'. Transparency International, 5 February 2013. Online: https://www.transparency.org/whatwedo/answer/corruption_and_anti_corruption_in_fiji

Further Optional Reading

- de Jouvenel, Bertrand. 1993. *On Power: The Natural History of Its Growth*. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund.
- Kearsley, Roy. 2008. *Church, Community and Power*. Farnham: Ashgate.
- Larmour, Peter. 2012. *Interpreting Corruption: Culture and Politics in the Pacific Islands*. Topics in the Contemporary Pacific Series. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.
- Mackey, James P. 1994. *Power and Christian Ethics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
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