

Course title: "Lake or River?" - Challenges for the Mission of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe in Past and Present	Credit number: 4
Method: seminar format Number of seminars: 2 hours per week	
Type of evaluation: essay, 5000 words	
Place in curriculum: spring term	
Course prerequisites: none	
Course description:	
<p>Course content: This course offers an introduction to the missionary situation of Central and Eastern Europe. In the first part of the course the history of Christian mission in Central and Eastern Europe is discussed. The second part of the course addresses the contemporary challenges of mission and evangelism in this region, with a special regard to the ecclesiastical, sociological and political contexts of the ministry of the Christian church.</p> <p>Learning objectives: The students will acquire a general knowledge of the ecclesiastical, and of the broader socio-political situation of Central and Eastern Europe. They will study cases of applying theological insights to specific socio-cultural situations. The participants will learn ways how inculturation and theological contextualisation function in mission and evangelization. By this they will acquire missional competences which will be applicable in their future theological and pastoral practice.</p>	
Required and optional reading (The 3-5 most important required and optional pieces):	
<p>Required reading:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Constantineanu, Corneliu – Măcalaru, Marcel V. – Kool, Anne-Marie – Himcinschi, Mihai (eds.): <i>Mission in Central and Eastern Europe. Realities, Perspectives, Trends, Regnum Edinburgh Centennial Series 34.</i>, Regnum Books, Oxford, 2016. Füsti-Molnár, Szilveszter: <i>Ecclesia sine macula et ruga. Donatist Factors among the Ecclesiological Challenges for the Reformed Church in Hungary, Especially after 1989/90</i>, SRTA, Sárospatak, 2008. Gonda, László: <i>Service of Evangelism, Evangelism of Service. The Impact of John R. Mott. Hendrik Kraemer, Johannes C. Hoekendijk and Willem A. Visser't Hooft on the Development of the Understanding of Mission in the Reformed Church in Hungary</i>, Boekencentrum, Zoetermeer, 2008. <p>Optional reading:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kool, Anne-Marie: <i>God Moves in a Mysterious Way. The Hungarian Protestant Foreign Mission (1756-1951)</i>, Boekencentrum, Zoetermeer, 1993. Kovács, Ábrahám: <i>The History of the Free Church of Scotland's Mission to the Jews in Budapest and its Impact on the Reformed Church of Hungary 1841–1914.</i>, Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Main, 2006. Nagy, Dorottya: <i>Migration and Theology. The Case of Chinese Christian Communities in Hungary and Romania in the Globalisation-Context</i>, Boekencentrum, Zoetermeer, 2009. 	
Course syllabus: Week 1 – Introduction Week 2 – Central and Eastern Europe. Terminology, Geography, History Week 3 – History of Christianity in Central and Eastern Europe	

Week 4 – Early Concepts of Mission – Diaspora Ministry
Week 5 – Pietism, Evangelicalism, Réveil and Mission
Week 6 – Mission to the Balkans
Week 7 – Central and Eastern European Missionaries in Africa
Week 8 – Central and Eastern European Missionaries in Eastern Asia
Week 9 – Mission and Evangelism in the Communist Era
Week 10 – Missionary Challenges after 1989: Ethnicity and Identity
Week 11 – Missionary Challenges after 1989: Ministry among the Roma
Week 12 – Missionary Challenges after 1989: Migration
Week 13 – Toward a Contextual Missionary Theology of Central and Eastern Europe?

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Other course instructor(s): –