**Introduction to Latin American Liberation Theology**

**RET6043A**

**Seminar Room H, Wednesday, 15:10–16:40**

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**Feb** **19** Introduction to the Course. History of Latin America and Liberation Theology.

**26** Lilian Calles Barger, *The World Come of Age. An Intellectual History of Liberation Theology* (New York, NY : Oxford University Press, 2018), 24­–30.

**Mar 5** Leonardo and Clodovis Boff, *Introduction to Liberation Theology* (Tunbridge Wells: Burns and Oates, 1987), 1–42

**12** Gustavo Gutierrez: *A Theology of Liberation*. Revised Edition. (London: SCM, 1988), 3-12, 29–33, and endnotes.

**19** Gustavo Gutierrez: *A Theology of Liberation*. Revised Edition. (London: SCM, 1988), 83–105, and endnotes

**26** Jon Sobrino: *Jesus the Liberator* (Tunbridge Wells: Burns and Oates, 1993), 67–70 and 79–88 and endnotes.

**Apr** **2** Leonardo Boff: *Ecclesiogenesis. The Base Communities Reinvent the Church* (London: Collins, 2001), 1–22.

 **9**Jung Mo Sung, “Economics and Religion: Challenges for Christianity in the Twenty-first Century”, in *Desire, Market and Religion* (London: SCM, 2007). 76–99.

***16*** ***Easter break***

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**30** Maria Clara Bingemer, “Gender and Human Rights in Latin America”, in Maria Clara Bingemer, *Latin American Theology. Roots and Branches* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2016), 69–85 (e-version without page numbers).

**May**  **7**  **No class – Guest Lecture in the morning at 11 by Prof. Joerg Rieger.**

 **14** Juan Luis Segundo, *The Liberation of Theology* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1976), 125–53.

**20** Daniel Castillo, *An Ecological Theology of Liberation. Salvation and Political Ecology* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2019), Chapter 1, Towards an Ecological Theology of Liberation.

 **27** Tim Noble, *Liberation Against Entitlement. Conflicting Theologies of Grace and Clashing Populisms* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2022), 146–74.

**Course Requirements**

Turn up for the classes. If you miss more than three classes without sufficient reason, you will not be able to pass the course, so please let me know if you can’t make it.

Write a short paper (1500 – 2000 words, approximately 3 pages of normal font). Unless otherwise agreed with me, the paper should be on the following theme:

**What are the strengths and weaknesses of Latin American liberation theology, especially in relation to theology in your context?**

If you want to write on something else related to the topic, please ask me. As this is a short paper and a big question, obviously you can choose to emphasise certain points more than others, depending on your interests and background.