

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
WM 662 NGOs and Development in Mission
Global Education Course in Chiang Mai, Thailand
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I. Course Description

The course is an overview of the role of non-governmental agencies (NGOs) and development in Christian mission. It covers biblical, theological, historical, and current perspectives on the global trend toward integration of development and mission. The course also looks at the role of globalization in the spread of the gospel. It examines plans made by Christians to alleviate social problems. Case studies in Africa, Asia, and Latin America are studied to understand current issues.

Onsite benefits

The course will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, a city with over 400 active NGOs engaging a host of human problems. We will visit more than a dozen of these NGOs to see how they are approaching these problems. If conditions are favorable, a visit to the Burmese border and to Chiang Rai will be included. Accommodations will be clean, safe, and modest.

II. Learning Objectives

1. Students will comprehend the biblical, theological, and historical, and current perspectives of the integration of development and mission.
2. Students will analyze the role of globalization in the spreading of the gospel.
3. Students will examine and assess the efforts of Christians to alleviate social problems.
4. Students will evaluate NGO effectiveness through site visits to a variety of NGOs in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

III. Grading

1. Travel journal (30%)
2. Two book reviews (800 words for each, 30%, the Goudzwaard and Hunter books)
3. One 3,000-word essay on NGOs and mission (40%)

Active participation in all aspects of the study abroad and required readings is presumed.

IV. Required Texts

1. Goudzwaard, B., Mark Vander Vennen, and David Van Heemst. *Hope in Troubled Times: A New Vision for Confronting Global Crises*. (Grand Rapids, Mich: Baker Academic, 2007). [ISBN 978-0801032486]
2. Hunter, James Davison. *To Change the World: The Irony, Tragedy, and Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World* (Oxford University Press, 2010). [ISBN 978-0199730803]
3. Hoksbergen, Roland. *Serving God Globally: Finding Your Place in International Development*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012. [ISBN 978-0801039843]
4. Chester, Tim. *Good News to the Poor: Social Involvement and the Gospel* (Crossway, 2013). [ISBN 978-1433537035]
5. Kristof, Nicholas D. and Sheryl WuDunn, *A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity* (New York: Knopf, 2014). [ISBN 978-0385349918]

V. Major texts used in lectures and readings

- Ahmed, Shamima and David M. Potter *NGOs in International Politics* (Kumarian Press, 2006).
- Bauman, Stephan, *Possible: A Blueprint for Changing How We Change the World* (Multnomah, 2015).
- Bradley, Anne R. and Arthur W. Lindsley, eds., *For the Least of These: A Biblical Answer to Poverty* (Zondervan, 2015).
- Bornstein, David. *How to Change the World: Social Entrepreneurs and the Power of New Ideas*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2007.
- Brown, Lester, *Plan B* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2009).
- Butare-Kiyovu, James, ed., *International development from a kingdom perspective* (Orbis, 2002).
- Clarke, Gerard and Michael Jennings, eds., *Development, Civil Society and Faith-Based Organizations: Bridging the Sacred and the Secular* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2008).
- Corbett, Steve and Brian Fikkert, *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself* (Moody, 2009).
- Crowley, James and Morgana Ryan, *Building a Better International NGO: Greater than the Sum of the Parts?* (Kumarian, 2013).
- Davies, Thomas. *NGOs: A New History of Transnational Civil Society* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014). [ISBN 978-0199387533]
- Donahue, John R. *Seek Justice That You May Live: Reflections and Resources on the Bible and Social Justice* (Paulist Press, 2014).
- Fowler, Alan. *Striking a Balance: A Guide to Enhancing the Effectiveness of Non-governmental Organizations in International Development*. London: EarthScan, 1997.
- Gardner, Gary T. *Inspiring Progress: Religions' Contributions to Sustainable Development*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2006.
- Grant, Jamie A. and Dewi A Hughes, eds. *Transforming the World? The Gospel and Social Responsibility* (Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 2009). [ISBN 978-1844743742]
- Haugen, Gary A. and Victor Boutros, *The Locust Effect: Why the End of Poverty Requires the End of Violence* (Oxford, 2014).
- Haynes, Jeffrey. *Religion and Development: Conflict or Cooperation?* Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.
- Iriye, Akira. *Global Community: The Role of International Organizations in the Making of the Contemporary World* (Berkeley, CA: University of California, 2002). [ISBN 978-0520231283]
- Johnson, Todd M. and Cindy M. Wu. *Our Global Families: Christians Embracing Common Identity in a Changing World* (Baker Academic, 2015).
- Krause, Monika, *The Good Project: Humanitarian Relief NGOs and the Fragmentation of Reason* (University of Chicago, 2014).
- Lindenberg, Marc, and Coralie Bryant. *Going Global: Transforming Relief and Development NGOs*. Bloomfield, CT: Kumarian Press, 2001.
- Marshall, Katherine, and Marisa Van Saanen, *Development and Faith: Where Mind, Heart, and Soul Work Together* (World Bank, 2007). [ISBN 978-0821371732]
- Rist, Gilbert. *The History of Development from Western Origins to Global Faith*. Translated by Patrick Camiller. (London: Zed Books. 2008 edition).
- Samuel, Vinay and Chris Sugden. *Mission as Transformation: A Theology of the Whole Gospel*. Oxford: Regnum, 1999.
- Smith, Stephen C. *Ending Global Poverty: A Guide to What Works*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.

- Sumner, Andy and Michael Tribe, *International Development Studies: Theories and Methods in Research and Practice* (Sage, 2008).
- Toft, Monica Duffy, Daniel Philpott, and Timothy Samuel Shah. *God's Century: Resurgent Religion and Global Politics* (Norton, 2011).
- Tomalin, Emma. *Religions and Development* (Routledge, 2013).
- Yamamori, Tetsunao, and C. Rene Padilla. *The Local Church, Agent of Transformation: An Ecclesiology for Integral Mission* (Kairos, 2004).
- Van Til, Kent A. *Less Than Two Dollars a Day: A Christian View of World Poverty and the Free Market*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007.
- Wraight, Christopher D. *The Ethics of Trade and Aid: Development, Charity, or Waste*. London: Continuum, 2011.

VI. Websites and Related Organizations

- Class website – On CAMS. Most required readings, apart from course texts, will be made available online
- Center for the Study of Global Christianity: www.globalchristianity.org

VII. Itinerary

Course Requirements

Students should be aware of the weight of participation in the final grade. Students are expected to keep up with all assignments, and to come prepared for each discussion session.

1. Travel journal (30%)
2. Two book reviews (800 words for each, 30%, the Goudzwaard and Hunter books)
3. One 3,000-word essay on NGOs in development (40%)

Abbreviated Itinerary (Thailand)

May 22-23	Fly Boston to Chiang Mai, Thailand
May 23	Check into Hotel and rest
May 24	Chiang Mai orientation
May 25	Seminar 1
May 26	NGO visit
May 27	Seminar 2 and NGO visit
May 28	Afternoon church and evening market
May 29	NGO visit
May 30	Seminar 3 and NGO visit
May 31	Elephant Camp
June 1	NGO visit
June 2	Transport to Burma border
June 3	Visit Burmese refugee camps
June 4	Church with Burmese and return to Chiang Mai
June 5	NGO visits
June 6	Seminar 4 and Thai Cultural Dinner
June 7	NGO visits in Lampang
June 8	Seminar 5
June 9	Transport to Chiang Rai
June 10	Visit NGO sites and Seminar 6
June 11	Visit Queen's gardens and return to Chiang Mai
June 12	CM to Boston

Seminar schedule (in hotels on the trip)

Seminar 1

What is development?

Seminar 2

Biblical reflections on development

Seminar 3

History of development

Seminar 4

Rise of NGOs

Seminar 5

Relief vs. development

Seminar 6

Debriefing on NGO visits

VIII. Select Bibliography of Globalization, Development and NGOs

Anderson, Mary B. *Do No Harm: How Aid Can Support Peace--or War*. Boulder, Colo: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1999.

Arcaro, Thomas, and Rosemary Haskell. *Understanding the Global Experience: Becoming a Responsible World Citizen*. Boston, MA: Allyn & Bacon, 2010.

Barnett, Michael N., and Thomas George Weiss. *Humanitarianism in Question: Politics, Power, Ethics*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2008.

Baudot, Jacques. *Building a World Community: Globalisation and the Common Good*. Copenhagen: Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2001.

Berger, Peter L., and Samuel P. Huntington. *Many Globalizations: Cultural Diversity in the Contemporary World*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002.

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Bhargava, Vinay. *Global Issues for Global Citizens: An Introduction to Key Development Challenges*. Washington (D.C.): The World Bank, 2006.

Bishop, Matthew, and Michael Green. *Philanthrocapitalism: How Giving Can Save the World*. London: A. & C. Black, 2010.

Bøås, Morten, and Desmond McNeill. *Multilateral Institutions: A Critical Introduction*. London: Pluto Press, 2003.

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Brubaker, Pamela. *Globalization at What Price?: Economic Change and Daily Life*. Cleveland, Ohio: Pilgrim Press, 2001.

Budde, Michael L. *The (Magic) Kingdom of God: Christianity and Global Culture Industries*. Boulder, Colo: Westview Press, 1997.

Cahill, Kevin M. *Basics of International Humanitarian Missions*. New York: Fordham University Press, 2003.

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Castles, Stephen, and Alastair Davidson. *Citizenship and Migration: Globalization and the Politics of Belonging*. New York: Routledge, 2000.

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- Elkington, John, and Pamela Hartigan. *The Power of Unreasonable People: How Social Entrepreneurs Create Markets That Change the World*. Boston, Mass: Harvard Business School Press, 2008.
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- Etzioni, Amitai. *From Empire to Community: A New Approach to International Relations*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004.
- Fabian Globalisation Group. *Just World: A Fabian Manifesto*. London: Zed Books, 2005.
- Fish, Stanley Eugene. *Save the World on Your Own Time*. Oxford [England]: Oxford University Press, 2008.
- Gannon, Martin J., and Rajnandini Pillai. *Understanding Global Cultures: Metaphorical Journeys Through 29 Nations, Clusters of Nations, Continents, and Diversity*. Thousand Oaks, Calif: SAGE, 2010.
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- George, Susan. *Another World Is Possible If--*. London: Verso, 2004.
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