

21 615 Topics in Global Christianity:  
**Doing Theology Across Cultures**

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**Course Description:**

As a worldwide movement, Christianity is experienced, understood, lived, and propagated in thousands of cultures and myriad languages today. Not surprisingly, this emerging reality raises important challenges for the work of theology. In this course, we draw on scholarship in globalization theory, intercultural communication studies, and more to explore implications for doing theology across cultures today. We will attend specifically to recent developments in contextual theology, intercultural theology, and intercultural biblical hermeneutics. A segment of the course is devoted to participating in an intercultural Bible study with an area church or churches, coordinated by the instructor.

**Required Course Texts:**

- Bevans, Stephen B. *Models of Contextual Theology*, revised and expanded edition. Orbis: 2002. ISBN: 978-1570754388. List price: \$30.00 (Barnes & Noble)
- De Wit, Hans. *Empirical Hermeneutics, Interculturality, and Holy Scripture*. Intercultural Biblical Hermeneutics Series no. 1 (Spring 2012). ISBN: 0-936273-80-1. List price: \$15.00, plus shipping. Special order from: Institute of Mennonite Studies, 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana 46517-1999 (<http://www.ambs.edu/ims>)
- Livermore, David A. *Cultural Intelligence: Improving Your CQ to Engage our Multicultural World*. BakerAcademic, 2009. ISBN: 9780801035890. List price: \$24.99 (Barnes & Noble)
- Pieterse, Jan Nederveen. *Globalization and Culture: Global Melange*. Second edition. Rowman & Littlefield, 2009. ISBN: 9780742556065. List price: \$26.95 (Barnes & Noble)
- Schreiter, Robert J. *Constructing Local Theologies*. Orbis. 1985. ISBN: 9780883441084. List price: \$26.00 (Barnes & Noble)
- Toomey, Stella Ting. *Communicating Across Cultures*. Guilford Publications, 1999. ISBN: 9781572304451. List price: \$52.00 (Barnes & Noble)