

## Catholic Religious Frontiers in India and Asia (16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> centuries)

### Course Instructor: Joy LK Pachuau

The attempt in this course will be to see the spread of Christianity in various parts of Asia from the sixteenth to the early eighteenth centuries. The period mentioned saw the rise of European trading empires, beginning with the Portuguese, followed by the Dutch, Danish, French and English trading companies. With the arrival of the Europeans came a fresh incentive to Christianize. The focus of the Course will be the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and Portuguese missionary practices. Nonetheless, other periods and accounts will also be taken into consideration.

The spread of Christianity in Asia has had a long history and the Portuguese 'brand' was only one of the many that had reached the Asian world. In order to understand the nuances of the encounter, between an already existing Asian Christianity and the Latin Church, one needs to locate the history in the context of an earlier period and space. Thus the Course will offer a broad sweep of Church history from its inception, both in Asia and Europe, in order to be able to understand the peculiarities of the Portuguese enterprise.

The Portuguese endeavour was part of a particular ethos that was developing in Europe as a result of the counter-reformation. Besides, the beginnings of the modernistic enterprise (as manifested in a new sense of individual self-hood, rise of modern nation states, the incorporation of 'scientific methods' etc.), also led to a distinct type of Christian practice under the aegis of the *Estado da India*. Thus the socio-cultural contexts of Christian expansion and its implication on the 'men of faith' and their practices and methods are some of the themes that we will engage with.

Christian presence in these periods was not only relegated to strictly a Catholic or Portuguese presence. While not strictly within the purview of the Course, we shall look into other forms of Christian mission. Spanish Catholic efforts in the Philippines as well as attempts by other trading companies such as the English East India Company, the Dutch and Danish East India companies along with their differences in belief and methods will be studied.

The politics behind conversion, the relationship between church and state and the cultural dynamics of conversion are some of the issues that will be looked into in the course of the semester.

Legend: Highlight indicates books available in Google drive

### Readings:

- A. D'Costa, *The Christianisation of the Goa Islands*
- A. Pagden, *European Encounters with the New World*, New Haven 1993
- A. R. Disney/H. Booth (eds) *Vasco da Gama and the linking of Europe and Asia*
- A.K. Priolkar, *The Goa Inquisition*
- A.M. Mundadan, *History of Christianity in India*, Vol. 1 (DSA)
- Adrian Hastings, *A World History of Christianity*

- Arnulf Camps, *Studies in Asian Mission History*
- Barbara Widenor Maggs, Science Mathematics and Reason; The missionary methods of the Jesuit Alexandre de Rhodes in seventeenth-century Vietnam, JSTOR
- Bonnie B.C. Oh and Charles E. Ronan, S.J. (eds), *East Meets West: The Jesuits in China, 1552-1773*.
- C.R. Boxer, *The Dutch Sea-borne Empire*.
- C.R. Boxer, , *The Christian Century in Japan, 1549-1650*.
- C.R. Boxer, *Portuguese society in the Tropics*
- C.R. Boxer, *The Church militant and Iberian expansion*
- C.R. Boxer. *Portuguese Sea-borne Empire*, chps 3, 10
- D. E. Mungello, *The Great Encounter of China and the West, 1500-1800*, 1999
- Daniel H. Bays (ed), *Christianity in China from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the present*,
- Daniel H. Bays, *A new history of Christianity in China*, 2012
- David Packiamuthu and Sarojini Packiamuthu, *Tirunelveli's Evangelical Christians, Two centuries of Family Vamsavazhi Traditions*
- Delio de Mendonca, *Conversions and Citizenry, Goa under Portugal, 1510-1610*
- Diarmaid MacCulloch, *Christianity, the first three thousand years* (DSA)
- Donald F. Lach, *Asia in the making of Europe*.
- Eliza F. Kent, *Converting Women: Gender and Protestant Christianity in Colonial South India*
- F. Masini, (ed), *Western Humanistic Culture Presented to China by Jesuit Missionaries*.
- Fennella Cannell, (ed.) 2006. *The Anthropology of Christianity*, Durham and London: Duke University Press.
- G. Schurhammer, *The Malabar Church and Rome*
- G.A. Bailey. *Art on the Jesuit Missions in Asia*, 2001
- George Minamiki, S.J. *The Chinese Rites Controversy*
- Heike Liebau, Country Priests, catechists and school masters as cultural religions and social middlemen in the context of the Tranquebar Mission in R.E. Frykenberg (ed) *Christians and Missionaries in India, Cross-cultural communications since 1500*,
- Hilary M. Carey, *God's Empire: religion and Colonialism in the British World, c.1801 – 1908*
- Horton, Robin.1975. On the rationality of conversion - I and II. In *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*, 45 (3): 219-235; 45(4): 373-399
- Indira Viswanathan Peterson, Tanjore, Tranquebar and Halle: European Science and German Missionary education in the lives of two Indian intellectuals in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century in R.E. Frykenberg (ed) *Christians and Missionaries in India, Cross-cultural communications since 1500*.
- Ines Zupanov, *Disputed Mission*
- Ines Zupanov, *Missionary Tropics*

- Iwona Milewska, First European Missionaries on Sanskrit Grammar in R.E. Frykenberg (ed) *Christians and Missionaries in India, Cross-cultural communications since 1500*, Cambridge
- J. Thekkedath, *History of the Church*, vol. II (DSA)
- John Correia-Affonso, *Jesuit Letters in Indian History*
- John Makoto Takeda, The spirits of the Dead; Christianity, Buddhism and Traditional belief in Japan in *Anglican Theological Review*, Vol. 79, no. 1, Winter 1997, pp 27-37
- John Malley and G.A. Bailey (eds) *The Jesuits and the Arts, 1540-1773*,
- John Mc Manners, *Oxford History of Christianity* (Photocopy: Relevant Sections/DSA/Shubho)
- John W. O'Malley, Gauvin Alexander Bailey, Steven J. Harria and T. Frank Kennedy (eds), *The Jesuits: Culture, Sciences and the Arts, 1540-1773*.
- John W. O'Malley, *Saints or Devils Incarnate. Studies in Jesuit History*, Brill 2013
- John W. O'Malley, *The First Jesuits*, Harvard Univ Press, 1993
- K. Parry (ed), *The Blackwell Companion to Eastern Christianity*
- Kiri Paramore, *Ideology and Christianity in Japan*, Abingdon, Oxon, Routledge, 2009 (Review Project Muse – McMullen: Confucianism, Christianity and Heterodoxy in Tokugawa Japan, *Monumenta Nipponica*, 2010, long Essay)
- Liam Mathew Brockney, *Journey to the East, The Jesuit Mission to Asia*,
- Luke Clossey, *Salvation and Globalisation in the Early Jesuit Missions*, New York, CUP, 2008
- Margaret M. Mitchell and Frances Young, *The Cambridge History of Christianity, Origins to Constantine*.
- Michael Angold (ed), *The Cambridge History of Christianity, Eastern Christianity*
- Nam Lin Hur, Death and Social Order in Tokugawa Japan: Buddhism, Anti-Christianity, and the Danka System, Cambridge, Harvard Univ Asia Center, 2007: Review by Alexander Vesey, 2007; Project muse, Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies
- Nicolas Standaert, *An illustrated Life of Christ presented to the Chinese Emperor*
- Penelope Carson, Christianity, colonialism and Hinduism in Kerala: Integration, Adaptation or Confrontation in R.E. Frykenberg (ed) *Christians and Missionaries in India, Cross-cultural communications since 1500*,
- Peter Burke and R. Po-chia Hsia, *Cultural translation in early Modern Europe*, Cambridge 2007
- Peter C. Phan (ed), *Christianities in Asia*
- Peter Chen-Main Wang, *Contextualisation of Christianity in China*
- R. E. Frykenberg, *Christianity in India, From Beginning to Present* (DSA)
- R. Po-chia Hsia, *The Cambridge History of Christianity, vol 6. Reform and Expansion*

- R.E. Frykenberg, Christians in India: An historical overview of their complex origins in R.E. Frykenberg (ed) *Christians and Missionaries in India, Cross-cultural communications since 1500*, Cambridge, Michigan, Eerdmans, 2003
- Richard Fox Young, *India and the Indianness of Christianity*
- Robert W. Hefner, 1993. *Conversion to Christianity: historical and anthropological perspectives on a great transformation*, Berkeley/Oxford: University of California Press.
- Rodney Stark, *The Rise of Christianity* (DSA)
- Roman Malek, *The Chinese face of Jesus Christ*
- Rowena Robinso and Sathianathan Clarke (eds), *Religious Conversion in India, Modes motivations and meanings*
- Rowena Robinson, *Conversion, Continuity and Change, Lived Christianity in Southern Goa*, 1998
- S.H. Moffett, *A History of Christianity in Asia*, vol. 1 and vol. 2 (with ME)
- Schurhammer, *Francis Xavier, His life and times*
- Stephen Neill, *A History of Christianity in India, 1707-1858* (DSA)
- Stephen Neill, *A History of Christianity in India: the Beginning to 1707* (DSA)
- Stuart B. Schwartz (ed), *Implicit Understanding: Observing, reporting and reflecting on the encounters between Europeans and other peoples in the early modern era*, Cambridge, 1994
- Susan Bayly, *Saints, Goddesses and Kings*
- Susan Bayly, *Saints, Goddesses and Kings* (Central Library?)
- T. R. de Souza, *Medieval Goa*
- T.R. De Souza, The Portuguese in Asia and Their Church patronage in D. David (ed), *Western Colonialism in Asia and Christianity*.
- Thomas F. Ryan, *Jesuits in China*
- V. Rafael, *Contracting colonialism, Translation and Christian Conversion in Tagalog Society under early Spanish Rule*, Durham, 1993
- W. James, W. and D. Johnson (eds.). 1988. *Vernacular Christianity: Essays in the Social Anthropology of Religion*. JASO Occasional Papers No. 7. Oxford: Anthropological Society of Oxford.