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Syllabus

Theories of Peace

Religious Studies 340 ⁶⁰

Chaminade University of Honolulu
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Pearl Harbor

Wednesdays 16:45-20:55

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Catalogue Description

340 Theories of Peace (3)

This course will survey theories and methodologies of peace. The student will explore the area from the perspectives of the Catholic peace tradition, Buddhism, two founders of modern peace research, and the impact of feminist studies on peace and security studies. Offered alternate years. Prerequisites: RE 103, RE 200, or POL 111, or permission of instructor.

Course Objectives:

The primary objective of the course is to stimulate thoughtful reflection on the topic of peace. At the end of the course the student should have a basic understanding of the problematics of peace studies, its religious and philosophical presuppositions, its theories and practice.

Texts:

Fahey, Joseph J. et al., *A Peace Reader: Essential Readings on War, Justice, Non-violence and World Order*.

Kraft, Kenneth. *Inner Peace, World Peace*. SUNY: Albany, 1992

National Conference of Bishops, *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response*, United States Catholic Conference, 1983.

Internet access may be necessary for additional readings.

Evaluation:

Weekly writing assignments (approximately 2 pages) on assigned questions will account for 50% of a grade. Timeliness counts. Participation in class discussions will count for 25% of grade (and this means you have to attend!) A final evaluation event (25%) will be held during the last class meeting; the form this will take is to be determined by the students and instructor.

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(subject to radical revision)

April 5 First Class: Introduction: A Theory of Theories of Peace

April 12 Catholic Peace Tradition Reading: *Fahey* pp.107-112 *Challenge of Peace*, pp. i-28

April 19 Just War vs. Pacifism Reading: *Challenge of Peace*, pp. 28-52

April 26 Buddhism and War Reading: *Inner Peace, World Peace* pp. 1-62

May 3 Peace in Buddhism Reading: *Inner Peace, World Peace* pp. 63-90, 127-137

May 10 War and the Arms Race Reading: *A Reader in Peace Studies* (hereafter *Fahey*)

May 17 World Order Reading: *A Reader in Peace Studies* (hereafter *Fahey*)

May 24 Social Justice: Reading *Fahey*

May 31 Nonviolence

June 7 Last class