

Transforming Mission: An Introduction to Contextual Missiology according to D. J. Bosch

Course guaranteed by: Central European Centre for Mission Studies

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Course intended for: students of the PTF as well as other interested persons

Form of the course: one-semester seminar

Prerequisites: none

Language: English

Description:

The course will introduce the students to the thought and work of one of the most significant Christian missiologists of the 20th century, David J. Bosch, paying particular attention to his ground-breaking *Transforming Mission* (1991). The focus of the course will be in discussing the New Testament models for mission as identified in Matthew, Luke and Paul, the historical models of Christian mission, and the outline of a model for mission in the ecumenical/postmodern period as suggested by Bosch himself.

The aim of the course will be not only to understand and reflect upon Bosch's work, but also to interpret these models for contemporary missiology as well as to think about their relevance for the missionary work of today's churches. Discussing and assessing Bosch's work, its reception in current missiology will also be considered.

Requirements for passing the course: active participation at the seminar, oral presentation, final essay

Literature:

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NUSSBAUM, Stan (2005) *A Reader's Guide to Transforming Mission*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis.

SAAYMAN, Willem A. – Klippies KRITZINGER (1996) (eds.) *Mission in Bold Humility: David Bosch's Work Considered*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis.