

Second Semester 2018-19
Wednesdays, 9.00-10.35
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COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To help students appreciate the centrality of Revelation in the whole theological endeavour: how does God communicate – what is to do with God, and what is to do with the human person?
- To expose the students to some of the complex theological issues related to Revelation
- To give students a clear knowledge of the broad principles of the theology of Revelation

At the end of the course, the student should be able to

- Give an account of the various modes of revelation and how to evaluate them
- Express an understanding of the issues involved in the relationship between Scripture, Tradition, human experience and the Magisterium of the Church
- Be able to engage competently with persons from other Christian traditions in the discussion of the theology of Revelation
- Be able to engage intelligently and competently with persons from other faiths and none in the question of reason and the self-revelation of God
- Be able to identify particular opinions that are different from those of the Catholic tradition, and at the same time be able to engage in constructive debate

COURSE SCHEDULE

1. February 20: The revelation of the Triune God
 2. February 27: The Scriptural witness
 3. Saturday, March 9 (9.00-10.35): Scripture, *Dei Verbum*
 4. March 13: Tradition and creeds
 5. March 27: The Magisterium
 6. April 3: *Dei Filius*
 7. April 10: The *Sensus Fidelium*
 8. May 8: The Deposit of Faith and the Development of Dogma
 9. May 15: Other religions
 10. May 22: Receiving revelation
- Exam: May 29

Scripture

- Inspiration
- Revelation as history
- Importance of the text
- Different levels of meaning

The deposit of faith

- The death of the last apostle
- Irenaeus

Tradition

- 1 Clement
- Tertullian
- Trent on Scripture and tradition

Magisterium

- Apostolic succession
- Historical development
- Degrees of authority
- Ecumenical Councils
- Papal Teaching
- Infallibility

Doctrinal development

Propositions of faith

- Nature of formulae

Special revelation

Sensus fidelium

- Role of experience
- Revelation as inner experience

Revelation against reason

- Pedagogical revelation
- Clement of Alexandria
- Revelation as dialectical presence

Receiving revelation

- Revelation as new awareness
- Revelation as symbolic mediation
- Revelation as salvific

Eschatology