

University of Exeter – Theology and Religion

Please find below the core reading lists for Theology and Religion 2018/19.

Please note, **we are not recommending you purchase these books**, however these are a good indication of the books that you will be coming across in your first term. These lists have been compiled directly from our module reading lists for your first term – this is a good place to start if you are interested in getting on with some of the reading before starting with us in September. As you'll see below, modules THE1101, THE1102 and THE1104 are core for 2018/19.

Core modules reading list:

THE1101 - The Bible: Past and Present

Barton, John, 2010. *The Bible: The Basics*, London: Routledge.

Barton, John and Muddiman, John, 2007. *The Oxford Bible Commentary*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Beal, Timothy, 2012. *The Rise and Fall of the Bible: The Unexpected History of an Accidental Book*, Mariner Books.

Carr, David McLain and Conway, Colleen M., 2010. *An introduction to the Bible: sacred texts and imperial contexts*, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

Clines, David J. A., 2005. *The Bible and the modern world*, Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix.

Crossley, James G., 2010. *Reading the New Testament: contemporary approaches*, New York: Routledge.

Davies, Philip., 1995 *Whose Bible is it Anyway?* Oneworld Publications.

Gooder, P., 2013 *The Bible: A Beginner's Guide*, London: T&T Clark.

Moore, Stephen D. and Sherwood, Yvonne, 2011. *The invention of the biblical scholar: a critical manifesto*, Minneapolis: Fortress Press.

Sawyer, John F. A., 2012. *The Blackwell companion to the Bible and Culture*, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

THE1102 - Christian Origins: from Jesus to the Early Church

M. Ludlow, *The Early Church* (London: I B Tauris, 2009)

C Rowland, *Christian Origins* (2nd edn; London: SPCK, 2002)

THE1104 - Judaisms in Transition: Crises and Innovations

J.J. Collins, *Introduction to the Hebrew Bible* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004)

H. Eshel, *The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Hasmonean State* (Cambridge: Eerdmans, 2008)

J.C. VanderKam, *An Introduction to Early Judaism* (Cambridge: Eerdmans, 2001)

P. Mendes-Flohr and J. Reinharz (eds.), *The Jew in the Modern World* (Oxford: OUP, 1995) H.

Rubinstein, *Jews in the Modern World: A History Since 1750* (New York: OUP, 2002)

N. de Lange and M. Freud-Kandel (eds.), *Modern Judaism* (Oxford: OUP, 2005)

Additional reading suggestions:

THE1103 - Introducing Christian Theologies

Higton, Mike (2008), *SCM Core Text: Christian Doctrine*, London: SCM Press
Migliore, Daniel (2004 2nd ed), *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*, Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans
Williams, Rowan (1999), *On Christian Theology: Challenges in Contemporary Theology*, Oxford: Blackwell

THE1106 - Philosophy of Religion & Christian Ethics

Davies, B. (1993) *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion* Oxford: Oxford University Press
Long, D.S. (2010) *Christian Ethics: A Very Short Introduction* Oxford: Oxford University Press
Peterson, M. and VanArragon, R. (eds.) *Contemporary Debates in Philosophy of Religion* Oxford: Blackwell
Schroeder, C.P. transl. (2009) *On Social Justice: St Basil the Great* Crestwood, NY: St Vladimir's Seminary Press
Taliaferro, C. (1998) *Contemporary Philosophy of Religion* Oxford: Blackwell
Thatcher, A. (2011) *God, Sex and Gender: An Introduction* Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell
Trigg, R. (1998) *Rationality and Religion* Oxford: Blackwell
Wells, S. (2010) *Christian Ethics: An Introductory Reader* Oxford: Blackwell
Zagzebski, L. (2007) *Philosophy of Religion: An Historical Introduction* Oxford: Blackwell

THE1076 - Religion in the Modern World

Roger Trigg, *Religion in Public Life: Must Faith be Privatized?* (OUP, 2007)
Meredith McGuire, *Lived Religion: Faith and Practice in Everyday Life* (OUP, 2008)
Peter Berger, Grace Davie, et al., *Religious America, Secular Europe?* (Ashgate, 2008)
Thomas Banchoff, Ed., *Democracy and the New Religious Pluralism* (OUP 2007)
Charles Taylor, *A Secular Age* (Belknap Press, 2007)

THE1077 - God, Humanity and the Cosmos

Southgate, C (ed.) *God, Humanity and the Cosmos 3rd edn* (London: Continuum, 2011)
Dawkins, R *The Blind Watchmaker* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1991)
Dowe, P Galileo, *Darwin and Hawking*