

Theology of the Body as Theology of Resistance

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Beyond secular faith
The Body

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I. DESCRIPTION

The human body is a fundamental element of Christian theology. It is the basis of the Incarnation, the Eucharist and the Church. At the same time, the human body in has become, in modernity and late-modernity, the chief site of contention between the Church various trans-corporal ideologies, especially of "sexual liberation" and "gender". This Seminar aims to explore the theology of the body, no so much from the vantage point of sexuality or sexual ethics, but more broadly as the theology of true liberation.

II. OBJECTIVES

1. To grasp how a theology of the body is foundation to postmodernity, and how the implications of such a theology reach far beyond "sexual morality".
2. To hone our theological and philosophical skills around the question of the human body and the crisis of the human body facing traditional Christianity.

III. CONTENTS

- Nihilism or theology: John Paul, *Theology of the Body*; and Butler, *Gender Trouble*
- Body of Resistance: Portier-Young, *Apocalypse against Empire*
- Sexual Liberation: Jones, *Libido Dominandi*
- Woman: Evdokimov, *Woman and the Salvation of the World*
- Mystical Body: Pickstock, *After Writing*; and Cavanaugh, *Torture and Eucharist*

IV. METHODOLOGY

Seminar discussion
Commentary of texts

V. EVALUATION

Participation in the discussion

VI. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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