BIBL 550 - Hermeneutics

Teacher	Dr. S. Schumacher		
Semester	Spring	Duration	8 Weeks
Frequency	Every three years		
Credits	5 ECTS	Workload	150 Hours
Module format	Intensive		
Applicability	This module is essential in the reading and understanding of the Bible and all academic texts. As such it is a required course for all students.		
Course structure	See module and courses		
Contact time	40 Hours	Self-Study	110 Hours
Participation requirement	See access to the program		

Evaluation

Evaluation	Hours	Weight
Phase 1	50	20%
Reading & Reflection paper	50	20%
Phase 2	40	50%
Participation	30	10%
Presentation	5	10%
Exam	5	30%
Phase 3	60	30%
Research Paper	60	30%
Total	**150**	**100%**

Content of the Module	This course will deal with the two main aspects of hermeneutics: How do we understand? and, how do we interpret texts? It will explore different epistemological as well as various hermeneutical approaches. Particular attention will be given to more recent hermeneutical approaches. The course wants to assist the student to develop his own hermeneutical approach to Evangelical/Pentecostal provenience.
Learning Objectives	A. General Learning Objectives • Understand and be able to explain the history of biblical interpretation. • Discuss and describe the hermeneutical approaches of the 1st century CE. • Identify key figures in biblical scholarship within the framework of hermeneutics and within the last several centuries and be able to outline and explain their hermeneutical approaches to Scripture. • To grasp and be able to analyze linguistic, sociological, and cultural aspects of an evangelical/Pentecostal hermeneutic. B. Specific Learning Objectives As a result of the activities and study in this course, students should be able to: • assess, evaluate, and discuss different hermeneutical approaches in the context of biblical scholarship over the past several centuries (e.g., in the form of classroom presentations). • examine hermeneutical principles for a Pentecostal/Evangelical approach to hermeneutics and contrast them with other hermeneutical approaches. • gather and organize hermeneutical elements for a Pentecostal/Evangelical interpretive approach to Scripture. • construct one's own hermeneutical approach to Scripture, formulate it carefully, and conclude by classifying or evaluating it in light of other approaches.
Outline	• Introduction • How do we understand? • How do we exegete? • History of hermeneutics • Rabbinic hermeneutics • Jesus as Teacher • Pneumatic hermeneutics • Elements of Pentecostal Hermeneutics • Gospel and synoptic tradition
Examination	See Evaluation

Textbooks:

Archer, Kenneth J. *A Pentecostal Hermeneutic for the Twenty-First Century.* London: T&T Clark International, 2004.
Cross, Terry. *What Can Pentecostal Theology Offer Evangelical Theology*. JPT 10.2 (2002), pp. 44-73.**
Hempelmann, Heinzpeter. *Wie wir denken können.* Wuppertal, 2000, Ss. 103-112.
Longenecker, Richard N. *Biblical Exegesis in the Apostolic Period.* Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 1975, pp. 6-35.**
Maier, Gerhard. *Biblical Hermeneutics*. Wheaton, Ill: Crossway Books, 1994, pp. 333-373.
_____. *Biblische Hermeneutik*. Wuppertal: Brockhaus, 1990, Ss. 295-331.
Maltese, Giovanni. *Geisterfahrer zwischen Transzendenz und Immanenz.* Göttingen: V&R Unipress, 2013.**
Riesner, Rainer. *Jesus als Lehrer.* Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 1984, Ss. 102-352.
Smith, James K. A., *Thinking in Tongues*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010.**
Thiselton, Anthony C. *New Horizons in Hermeneutics*. Zondervan, 1997, pp. 142-178; 204-236.
Yong, Amos. *The Spirit of Creation* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011).**
***Required Readings*

Aichele, Georg et al. *The Postmodern Bible*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1995.
Archer, Melissa L. *"I Was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day": A Pentecostal Engagement with Worship in the Apocalypse.* Cleveland, TN: CPT Press, 2015.**
Barthes, R. *The Pleasure of the Text*. Translated by Richard Miller. New York, NY: Hill and Wang, 1975.
Borg, M. and N. T. Wright. *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions*. Harper San Francisco, 1999.
Branson, M. L. and C. R. Padilla, eds. *Conflict and Context: Hermeneutics in the Americas* . Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1986.
Bultmann, Rudolf. *Jesus and the Word*. Fontana Books, 1934.
_____. *New Testament & Mythology and Other Basic Writings*. Translated and edited by Schubert M. Ogden. Fortress Press, 1984.
Conzelmann, H. und A. Lindemann. *Arbeitsbuch zum Neuen Testament*, Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 1975.
_____. *Interpreting the New Testament. An Introduction to the Principles and Methods of N.T*. Exegesis. Peabody, 1988.
Croatto, J. S. *Biblical Hermeneutics*. Translated by Robert R. Barr. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1987.
Crossan, J. D. *In Parables: The Challenge of the Historical Jesus*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1973.
Crossan, J. D. et al. *The Jesus Controversy: Perspectives in Conflict*. Philadelphia, PA: Trinity International Press, 1999.
Culler, Jonathan. *On Deconstruction: Theory and Criticism after Structuralism*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1982.
Davis, Ellen F. and Richard B. Hays, eds. *The Art of Reading Scripture.* Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2003.
Derrida, Jacques. *Dissemination.* Translated by B. Johnson. The University of Chicago Press, 1981.
Dieterich, Jörg, Hrsg. *Streiflichter zur Wissenschaftstheorie*. Friedensau, 1999.
Eagleton, T. *Literary Theory: An Introduction*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 1983.
Fiorenza, Elisabeth Schüssler. *Bread Not Stone*. Boston, NJ: Beacon Press, 1984.
_____. *The Power of Naming*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1996.
_____. *Wisdom Ways*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2001.
Foucault, Michel. *The Foucault Reader.* Edited by Paul Rabinow. New York, NY: Pantheon Books, 1984.
Fredriksen, Paula. *From Jesus to Christ: The Origins of the New Testament Images of Jesus.* New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1988.
_____. *Language, Hermeneutic, and the Word of God: The Problem of Language in the New Testament and Contemporary Theology*. New York: Harper & Row, 1966; reprint: Missoula, Montana: Scholars Press, 1979.
Frei, H. W. *The Eclipse of Biblical Narrative: A Study in Eighteenth and Nineteenth*

Other information