

STMA 518 REFORMATION: THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN
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The sixteenth century was one of the most exciting and conflicted periods of the history of Christianity. Medieval Christianity collapsed as it had been known. Reformers from both Catholic and Protestant perspectives set the tone for the modern church. The vision of unity was gone. Great theological, social and cultural differences arose. This course will examine those developments and assess where we are today because of them.

Requirements:

1. Read the texts for the day assigned and be prepared to discuss them actively in class.
2. A 1-2 page "position" paper on an issue that struck you from the readings for the day. We will use these as the basis of discussion for the week - to be turned in at the end of class for each week.
3. A 5-6 page paper on the Calvin/Sadoletto debate.
4. A 5-6 page paper reflecting on how your understanding of your tradition has grown or changed in light of the course. Due June 9.

Texts: The following texts have been ordered for this class

Calvin/Sadoletto, *A Reformation Debate*

Lindberg, Carter. *The European Reformations*

Lindberg, Carter (ed). *The European Reformations Sourcebook*

Matheson, Peter. Argula von Grumbach

Other readings will be provided in handout package.

Paper: DUE May 18 5-6 pages (typed, double spaced)

You are a member of the Council of Two Hundred in Geneva. You have received both of these letters. You are to give a speech in favor of Geneva going with one of these men. Write your speech and be ready to deliver it before the Council (you may dress the part if you'd like!) Be sure to use specifics from the text to support your position.

Course Outline

March 30 Introduction to the class

The late medieval situation

For more information see Lindberg, ch. 2 and

Sourcebook, ch.1

April 6 Luther

Lindberg, ch.3

Sourcebook, ch. 2

Readings in HerStory, pp. 68-72, 75-76 (handout)

April 13 Lutheranism

Lindberg, ch 4, 9

Sourcebook, ch. 3, 8

Matheson, Argula von Grumbach

April 20 Zwingli
Lindberg, ch. 7
Sourcebook, ch. 6

April 27 Radical Reformation
Lindberg, ch. 6, 8
Sourcebook, ch 5, 7
Joyce Irwin, Womanhood in Radical
Protestantism(selections)
Martyrdom of Elizabeth of Leeuwarden
Marriage and adultery among Hutterites

May 4 John Calvin
Lindberg, ch.10 -12
Sourcebook, ch. 9-11
Readings in HerStory, pp. 72-74,76-79 (handout)

May 11 Catholic Reformation
Lindberg, ch. 14
Sourcebook, ch. 13

May 18 Calvin/Sadoletto, A Reformation Debate
Paper due

May 25 Reformation in Great Britain
Lindberg, ch. 13
Sourcebook, ch. 12

June 1 So What?
Lindberg, ch. 5 &15
Sourcebook, ch. 4 & 14