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INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

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“I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.” I Corinthians 9:22b

Culture explains who we are, and how we function together as communities. Crossing cultures is required if we are to connect with other peoples and be good news. Intercultural Studies leads us through the process of understanding what culture is and how to cross cultures in the process of joining God’s mission. This class examines mission in Scripture. It equips congregations and individuals to relationally express the gospel of Jesus Christ as good news to other peoples. And it captures the apostle Paul’s words about becoming all things to all people for the sake of the gospel.

On Tuesday evening, join us for *Intercultural Studies* – a Laidlaw at Large course – that will enrich your faith and deepen your understanding of God’s mission.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Intercultural Studies examines how culture, context, biblical and theological understanding influences our engagement with intercultural ministry and mission.

LECTURERS

Intercultural Studies is taught by Rebecca de Jong along with guest lecturers from across the Laidlaw College and the wider mission community, drawing on biblical teaching and specialist scholarship.

Rebecca de Jong brings to this class a passion for mission which is supported by a deep conviction of the saving work of Jesus Christ and love for others. Rebecca is an experienced cross-cultural missionary having worked in Myanmar with her husband John for over 12 years. Her mission location is now West Auckland. She is active in mission through her church, mission leadership and board governance, and postgraduate mission studies. Rebecca and John have four children and attend Lincoln Road Bible Chapel.



Laidlaw at Large

Laidlaw Courses in Local Churches – A Videoconferencing Option



HOW IT WORKS

It is an interactive videoconference, including your church site, the Henderson and Manukau campuses of Laidlaw, and 5-6 other church sites. You come to your local church each Tuesday, sit around discussion tables with 6-15 others, and watch a screen or large TV that will show the lecturer and their display. You'll also be able to see the other classes at their various locations. You control what you see and what the lecturer hears. Sometimes the lecturer will be talking, sometimes they will get you to discuss things in your local small groups, sometimes they will have a big discussion with all the sites simultaneously. The experience is very close to having the lecturer in the room with you.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Details

Lectures will happen every Tuesday, 6:30-9:30pm, from 20 July to 16 November 2021. The first lecture will be shorter and introductory, and there will not be lectures during school holidays. If you are doing the course for credit, you should expect to spend another 7 hours each week reading and doing assignments. If you are doing the course just for interest, then we recommend spending another hour a week doing assigned reading.

Costs

There are two options.

- For credit (includes assignments): \$843.75
- Just for interest: \$263.00

While we recommend the credit option (as you learn best by applying your knowledge), we recognise that not everyone has time to be able to do this. Note that the credit option can also count towards a diploma or bachelor's degree.

NEXT STEPS

Questions

If you have questions, first talk to the relevant people at your church. For anything they cannot answer, feel free to contact Graeme Flett at Laidlaw (freephone 0800 999 777).

Interested

If you are interested, first give your details to the relevant people at your church. They will then give you instructions about how to sign up at <https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/apply/>.

The final date for applications is 25 June 2021 for credit, but if possible, we need to know well before then to properly set up your church as a remote lecture site. The sooner you can enrol the better. You don't need to pay until a few weeks before the course starts.