

Advanced Reading Course: Karl Rahner (7,5 ECTS credits)

Level: 1st cycle

Discipline: THEOLOGY (Systematic Theology) and PHILOSOPHY

Course ID: 2004

Admission requirements

General admission requirements for university studies. 60 ECTS credits in theology or religious studies.

Educational goals

After having completed the course the students are expected to:

- be able to give an account of the fundamental ideas in Karl Rahner's theological thinking, in particular his transcendental theology, the Ignatian foundations of his theology and how these latter have shaped his systematic reflection in general;
- be able to give an account of the sources, in the history of philosophy as well as theology, of Karl Rahner's thinking;
- show the ability to critically reflect on the use of the transcendental method within the fields of philosophy and theology.

Course content

Karl Rahner (1904–1984) is considered to be one of the most prominent theologians of the twentieth century. In this course, the thinking of Rahner is engaged with, primarily through the reading of his own texts. Treating topics such as revelation, creation and the human longing for God, these writings remain as challenging as they are enlightening for any student of theology.

Teaching and examination

Teaching is given by means of online lectures and seminars. Examination is in the form of active participation in the online seminars (50 % of final grade) and in the form of an oral presentation that is then also written down and handed in (50 % of the final grade).

Bibliography

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Kilby, Karen, *The SPCK Introduction to Karl Rahner* (SPCK: London 2007) 105 p.

Rahner, Karl, *Foundations of Christian Faith* (New York: Crossroad Publishing 2008), 488 p.

See also "Kursplaner: allmänna bestämmelser" (Course plans: General rules)

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