

# Exploring Globalisation, the World Church and Mission (TMM1371) / Introduction to Missionary Movements and the Gospel in a Global Context (TMM1627)

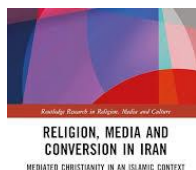
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## Books



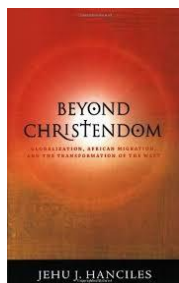
**Afshari, Sara, *Religion, Media and Conversion in Iran: Mediated Christianity in an Islamic Context* (London: Routledge, 2023)**

### Content:

Based on qualitative research, this book addresses why and how, in the context of Iran, where evangelism and conversion are viewed as illegal and could even lead to execution, Iranians decide not only to watch Christian satellite channels, but also to engage with their content and convert to Christianity. Sara Afshari deals with thought-provoking topics in the book, such as the mediatization of Christianity (chapter 8), but particularly relevant for this module is Chapter 2. This discusses globalisation in the specific context of Iran, and the way it impacts on how religion is understood in Iran – from being a communal matter to a private matter, and one of individual choice.

### Author:

Sara Afshari is an Iranian Christian and Research Tutor at Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (OCMS).



**Hanciles, Jehu, *Beyond Christendom: Globalization, African Migration, and the Transformation of the West* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2008)**

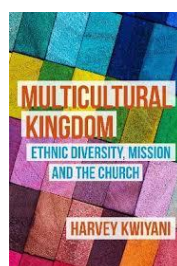
### Content:

While Jehu Hanciles has approached this book as a historian, it is an interdisciplinary work that covers studies on globalisation, migration and mission, exploring their interconnections. The first part of the book includes a thorough discussion of globalisation, the second examines the impact of international migrations

on contemporary societies, and the third reflects on the religious implications of this on the West in particular. Hanciles' argument is that African immigrant congregations in the West have a critical role to play in the emerging non-Western missionary movement.

### Author:

Born in Sierra Leone, Jehu Hanciles is currently Professor of World Christianity at Candler School of Theology



**Kwiyani, Harvey, *Multicultural Kingdom: Ethnic Diversity, Mission and the Church* (London: SCM Press, 2020)**

### Content:

Kwiyani's argument is structured in three main sections. Using the image of a mosaic, Chapter 1 provides a basis for Kwiyani's argument in the book by highlighting that God's kingdom is both multicultural and one kingdom. Framed by the World Missionary Conferences of 1910 and 2010, Chapters 2 and 3 have a historical focus, examining how the Church in the UK has come to be culturally diverse. Chapters 4 and 5 pick up on the theme of multiculturalism introduced in Chapter 1, discussing its concrete implications for the Church. Chapters 6 to 11 build an argument for multicultural churches.

### Author:

Harvey Kwiyani is a Malawian missiologist and theologian, currently based in the UK.

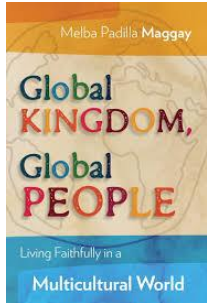
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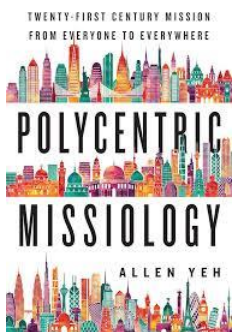
Maggay, Melba Padilla, *Global Kingdom, Global People: Living Faithfully in a Multicultural World* (Carlisle: Langham Publishing, 2017)

## Content:

Melba Padilla Maggay discusses globalisation in this book, framing emerging themes and tensions in light of the Bible. Maggay covers a range of topics, including the challenges posed by multiculturalism and migration, the rising inequality globally and exclusion of the world's poorest from economic sufficiency, the far-reaching influence of global media, and importance of culture.

## Author:

Melba Padilla Maggay is a Filipina scholar and founder of the Institute for Studies in Asian Church and Culture (ISACC).



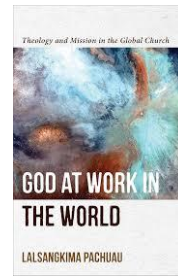
Yeh, Allen, *Polycentric Missiology: Twenty-first Century Mission from Everyone to Everywhere* (Downers Grove: IVP, 2016)

## Content:

In this book, Allen Yeh provides insight into five different mission conferences that took place in five different continents from 2010-12 to celebrate the centenary of the World Missionary Conference held in Edinburgh in 1910. As per the book's subtitle, Yeh argues that people are central to mission, and also that mission is polycentric and polydirectional.

## Author:

Allen Yeh is an Asian American scholar specialising in intercultural studies and missiology.



Pachuau, Lalsangkima, *God at Work in the World: Theology and Mission in the Global Church* (Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2022)

## Content:

In this short book, Lalsangkima Pachuau advances a theology of mission. Arguing that comprehensive theological reflection must be contextual, Pachuau's 6-page introduction includes a concise discussion on contextual theology in which he articulates his understanding and definition of the term.

## Author:

Lalsangkima Pachuau is an Indian theologian and Professor at Asbury Theological Seminary.

## Journal Articles

Dube, Musa W., "Looking Back and Forward: Postcolonialism, Globalization, God and Gender," *Scriptura* 92 (2006): 178-193



## Content:

In this article, Musa Dube offers a helpful perspective on globalisation, summarising and analysing different understandings and asking critical questions such as who its architects are, whose interests it serves, and what people of Africa and the 'Two Thirds' World stand to gain from it. Dube argues that globalisation, which is underpinned by market forces in similar ways to colonialism, is inherently unjust and ultimately about profit maximisation rather than social justice and the flourishing of all: 'the global

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village is not a playing field where all players experience fair play. There are some who are globalizing and others who are being globalized' (184). Dube also discusses how she has addressed globalisation in her own work, particularly her postcolonial analysis.

## **Author:**

Musa Dube is a Botswanan feminist theologian and professor of biblical studies.

## **Videos**

[Simón Mendoza, Benita](#)



## **Content:**

This 5-minute video, which is in Spanish with English subtitles, is a helpful and concise example of some of the tensions that can emerge between faith and culture in mission. Mendoza speaks about her experience of being both a Kaqchikel woman and a Christian in a community where historically, Christianity was incompatible with certain cultural elements. She relays aspects of the journey she has been on to rediscover her indigenous identity.

## **Speaker:**

Benita Simón Mendoza is an indigenous Mayan Kaqchikel woman addressing issues related to environmental restoration and youth work in Guatemala.