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## KEEPING FAITH IN POLITICS: CHRISTIANITY AND THE CRISIS OF DEMOCRACY

**AN ONLINE CLASS - *CANCELED***

### **DATES**

Sept. 27 - Oct. 23, 2020

### **OVERVIEW**

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This online class allows students to engage in the material at their convenience. The instructor will introduce new topics and material each week.

Week of Sept. 28: Seeking the Common Good in a World of Self-Interest

Week of Oct. 4: Polarization, Distrust, and the Unmaking of “America”

Week of Oct. 11: Honest Citizenship in a Post-Truth World

Week of Oct. 18: The Law of God and the Law of the Land

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## INSTRUCTOR

Derek Woodard-Lehman is a theological educator with broad teaching and administrative leadership experience in colleges and universities, as well as churches and seminaries. He currently serves in an administrative capacity at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where he also is lecturer in theology and ethics. Prior to coming to PTS, Derek was lecturer in theology and public issues at University of Otago and the program coordinator for the New Zealand Centre for Theology and Public Issues. His work examines the intersection of religion and politics, particularly in democratic social movements and faith-based grassroots organizing. It also emphasizes the connection between confessional theology and political theology.

## SCHEDULE

Each week of the class will be structured as follows:

Mondays-Thursdays: Asynchronous discussions online with some short pre-recorded webcast lectures and downloadable readings.

Fridays, 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET (Oct. 2, 9, 16, and 23): Live synchronous webinars with the instructor.

Saturdays-Sundays: Reflection and catch-up time.

## REGISTRATION, FEE, AND ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

***This class is canceled.***

\$100 / person. The registration deadline is Sept. 14, 2020.

Maximum enrollment: 15 people

## CEUS

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## QUESTIONS

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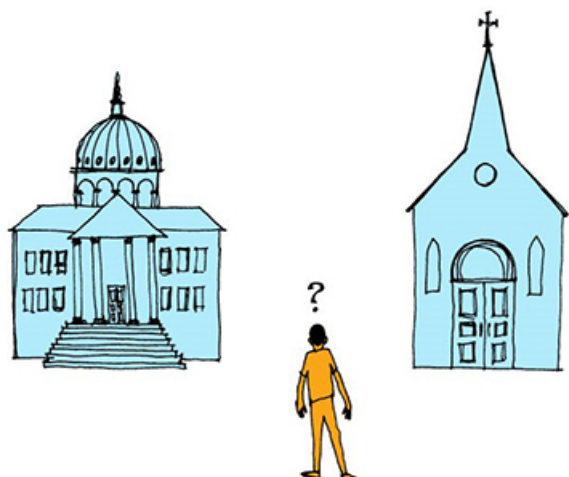
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