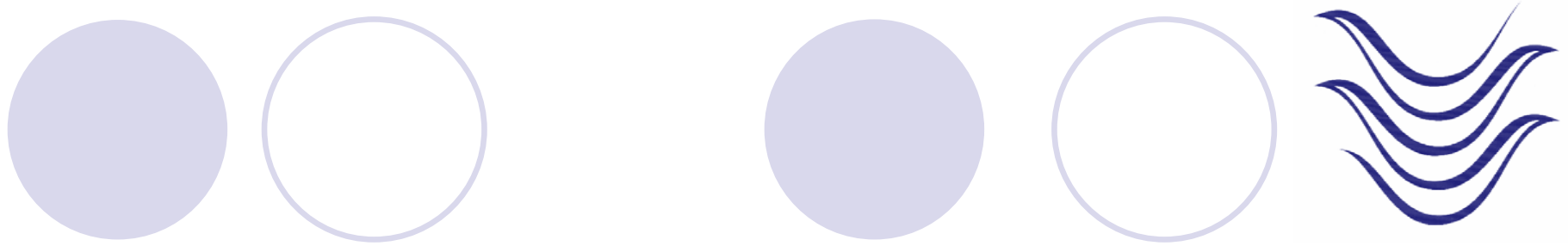


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Public Theology – a Latin captivity of the Church? : Violence and Public Theology in the praxis of the Church in Asia

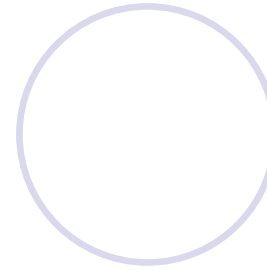
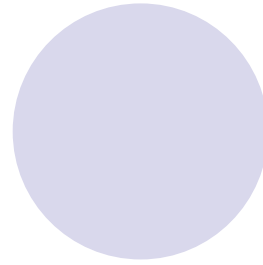
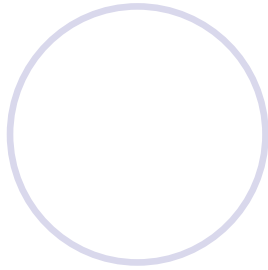
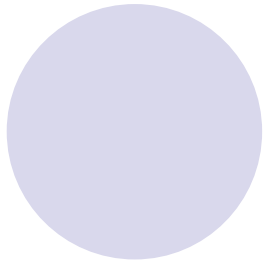
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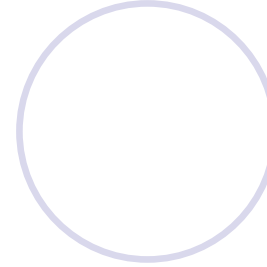
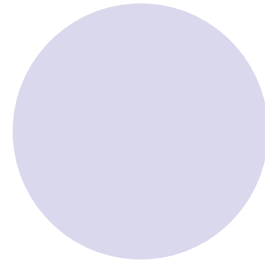
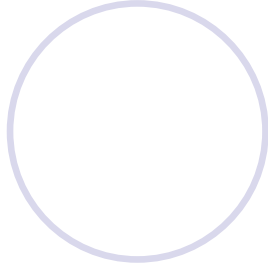
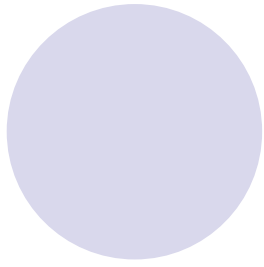


The *first* issue that the lecture considers is the question as to what extent the assumptions of public Christian theology actually are the assumptions of post-Enlightenment Western Christian theology.

Does much public Christian theology, for example, actually address the situation of Christianity in the Asian region, or does it in fact only seek to address the internal *Angst* of Western Christianity? Is public theology thus an expression of a “Latin Captivity” of the Church?



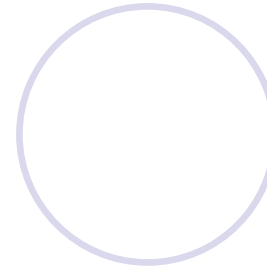
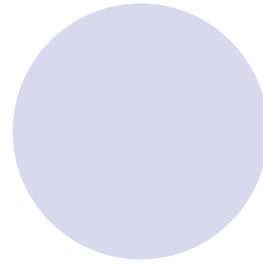
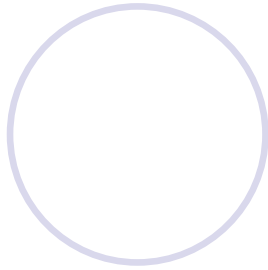
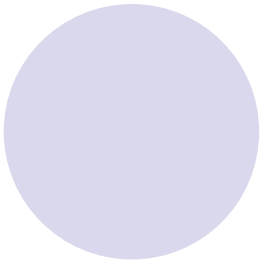
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The *second* issue that this lecture considers is the intercultural nature of Christian theology, and its implications for public theology. Where Christianity is a minority faith, what is the contribution of a public Christian theology to the debates of civil society? This is especially pressing where a world religion other than Christianity heavily influences the discourses of civil society.



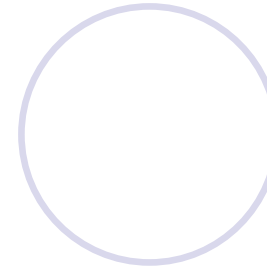
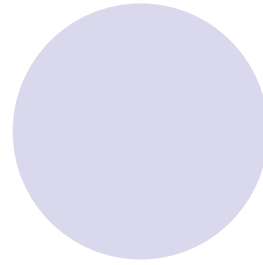
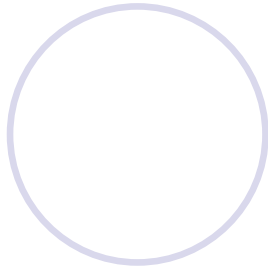
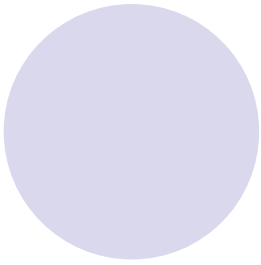
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The *third* issue that this lecture considers is a concrete reality of Asian society, that is violence, and how Christian public theology is developed in that context. In this third section, I look at the dynamics of a New Testament theology frequently used in Asia in relation to violence. In doing so, I seek to find a method for engaging theologically with the fact of violence.

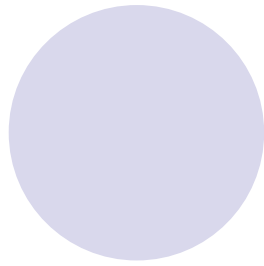


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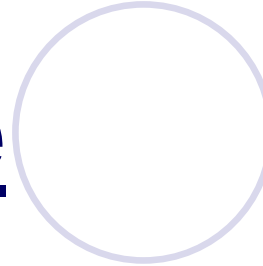


The *fourth* issue that this lecture seeks to address is to investigate the types of cultures in which theology is carried out, and to compare the dynamics of the presentation of theology in those types of cultures.





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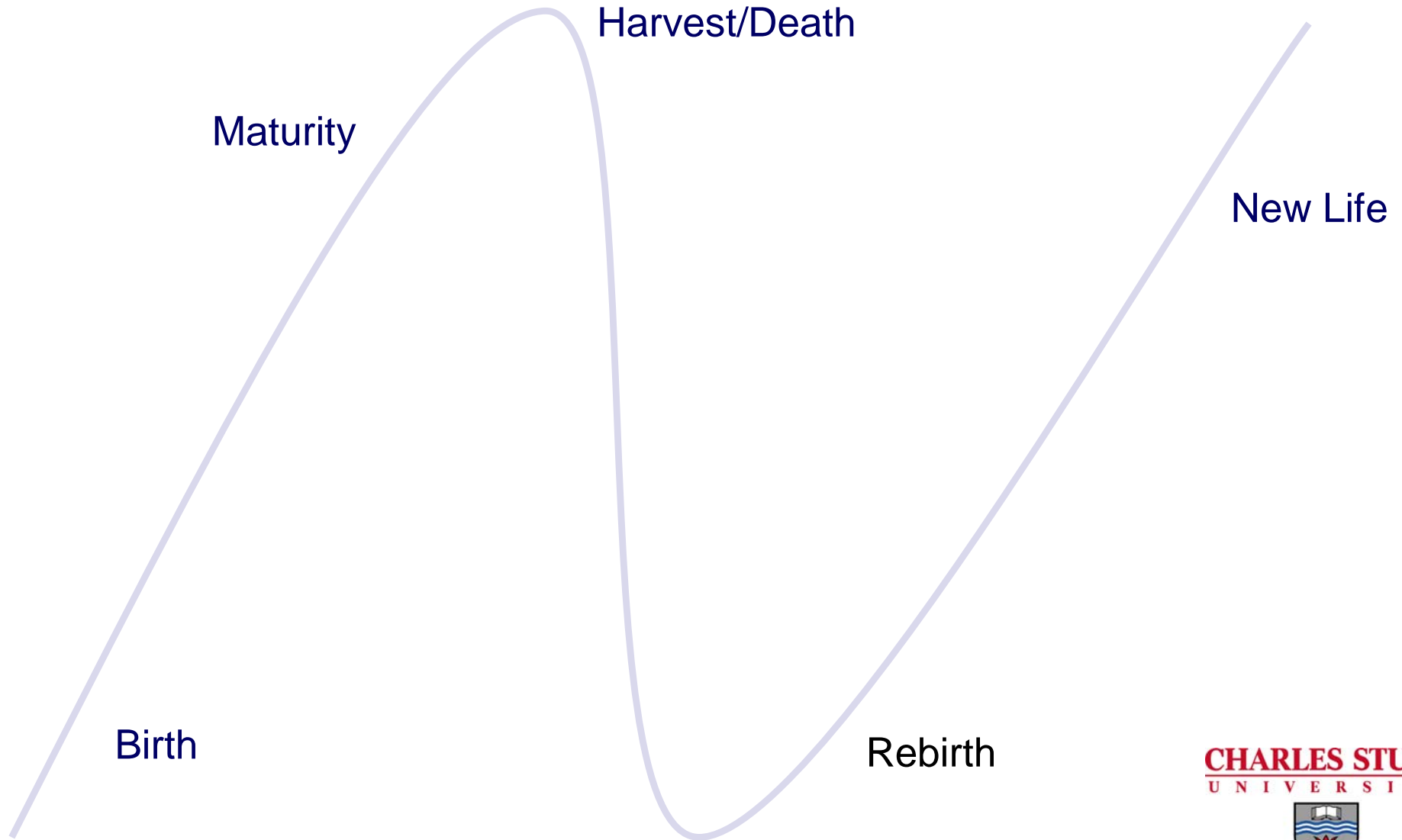
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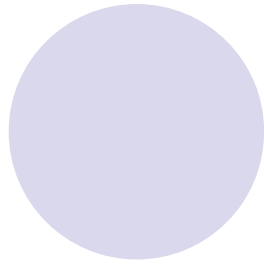
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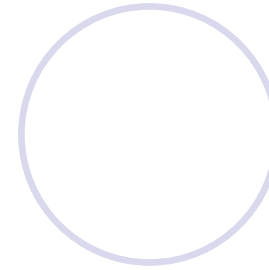


Cyclic/Nature/Agriculture Culture





Word Culture



Writing Culture

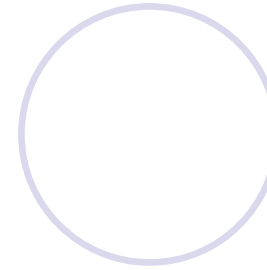
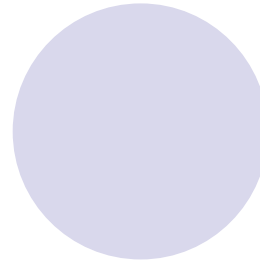
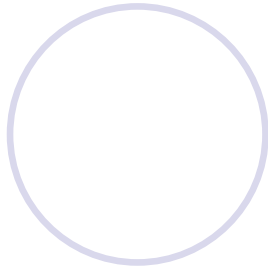
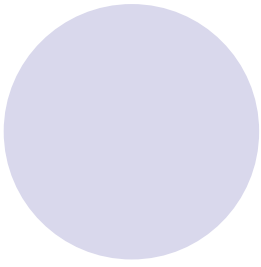
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Fifth, and finally, this lecture seeks to answer the question as to what can we learn from the interaction of Christianity and cultures, particularly in the Asian region, to help us in the engagement of a public theology in general.

