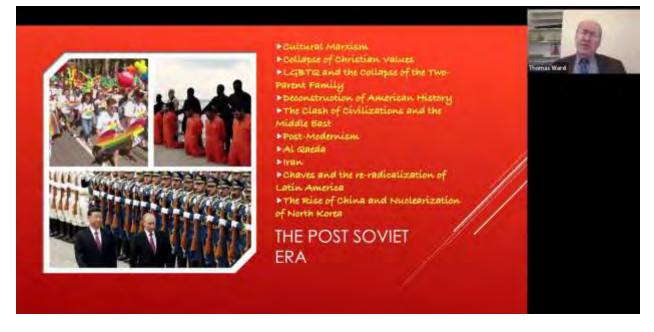
## New Unification Theological Seminary course: CAUSA 2.0

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This is a link to a brief vimeo introduction to the course:

"Why this course?" vimeo,com/443376949/adeb2f55da

This is the course description and explanation:

Welcome to CAUSA 2.0: Unification Worldview and Modern Society. is offered as a service to UTS friends and supporters who are interested in developing a better understanding of some of the many moral and ideological challenges of the post-Cold War period. We attempt here to introduce a True Parents-centric and Unification Thought-centric response to some of the contemporary social and philosophical movements at a time when many traditional values and practices are increasingly questioned, challenged, and often dismissed.

For interested students, I will also offer two meetings with participants in the class to discuss some of the issues that I do not address here but may also be of interest. The invitees will be limited to those who are following this course.

Because the Unification critique of Marxism-Leninism provides an example of how True Parents' Teachings have already been used to challenge and respond to a countervailing anti-religious worldview, we will dedicate much of the first half of this course to exploring the tenets, the development, and the significance of Unification Worldview's critique and counterproposal to Marxism-Leninism. These opening sections will also hopefully help to elucidate why a campaign to reignite CAUSA, as it once was, is not the best approach in addressing the many problems that we face today. I am approached almost weekly nowadays about why we have not done that and I hope that what we cover here will provide more clarity on that.

The early sections of the course will also enable learners to discover the extent to which the Unification Worldview approach to the study and assessment of communism provides a template for applying core Unification teachings to the new social and ideological challenges faced by modern liberal democracies.

The approach used in this class is meant to serve as a working paradigm for understanding, analyzing and, when appropriate, undertaking a critical assessment of post-communist worldviews and social movements.

Many topics remain unexplored and hopefully what is covered here will inspire others to act if they feel called to address the topics which they feel that their experience with Heavenly Parents and True Parents have equipped them to answer. This must be done, however, in accord with proper academic conventions if we wish to respond effectively to the researched and honed ideological challenges of today's secular perspective.

Some of my previous students have already begun to do some of this work and I have invited some of them to present their work in the course of this class. I believe that, like me, you will find this to be very inspiring.

This class is a work in progress. Join us on the journey and, as appropriate, provide feedback through the Discussion Board opportunities that are provided where you can share your thoughts and observations.

This class does not provide you with academic credit. It only provides you with the information. Some of the slides of my presentations are available to you. Unfortunately others are not because they need more work before they can be seen as "official." Besides the two Zoom discussions that I mentioned, the remainder of this course will all be pre-recorded.

There is also a for-credit version of this course which is available. Those who take that course can interact regularly with the instructor will be eligible for certification as CAUSA/VOC Lecturers at the conclusion of the course.

There is a charge for taking that course. Interested parties can get further information by emailing <u>admissions@uts,edu</u> if that is of interest to you.

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