Evangelical Christianity is one of the most important global phenomena of the past five hundred years. Evangelicals have transformed culture and politics in the Western world, and recently many forms of evangelical faith have spread like wildfire throughout Asia, Africa, and Latin America. This course traces the roots of evangelicalism in post-Reformation Europe, its diverse expressions and political influence in modern Western culture, and its expansion in the Far East and Global South. Along the way we will encounter Christians ranging from colonial Puritans to members of Korean megachurches. With any luck, by the end we will have an answer to that troublesome question:

What exactly is an “evangelical,” anyway?

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