Many people in the modern world claim to espouse biblical values. This course will examine what the Bible has to say about several issues that are controversial in the modern world. It will also reflect on the difficulty of identifying a single, or even a dominant, biblical position on some issues, and on the relevance of the biblical texts for the modern debates.

**Schedule**

1. **June 5.**
   B. **A Right to Life? Abortion and Capital Punishment.**

2. **June 6. Gender and creation. Male and Female. Homosexuality.**
   Gen 1:27; Leviticus 18:19-23; 20:10-26; Romans 1:18-27; Galatians 3:23-29.

Gen 2-3; Genesis 38; Deut 22: 13-30; 24:1-4: Ruth; Proverbs 5; 31; Mal 3:10-16; Tobit; Mark 10:1-12; Matt 19:3-12; 1 Tim 2:8-12.

Exodus 3; 21; Deut 15:12-18; Lev 25:39-55; Philemon. 1 Tim 6:1; Titus 2:9-10.
Claudia Setzer and David A. Shefferman, *The Bible and American Culture* (Routledge, 2011) 95-120.

9. April 5: Justice and Love:
Exodus 20: 1-17; Deut 5:1-21; Amos 5:18-27; 8:4-8; Matt 25: 31-46.
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