

Stephen Lakkis, Public Theology

1. L. G. Arrigo and L. Miles (eds.), *A Borrowed Voice. Taiwan Human Rights through International Networks, 1960–1980* (Taipei: Social Empowerment Alliance, 2008), 479 pp. A vital sourcebook in English collecting accounts of those involved in (and victimized during) Taiwan's push for political change. This book concentrates on the most volatile decades of martial law in Taiwan.
2. Lyim Hong-Tiong (ed.), *Taiwan. A New and Independent Country. Collected Articles for the Thirtieth Anniversary of PCT's Human Right Declaration* (Faith and Order Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, 2014), 413 pp. While this is a collection of articles discussing and commemorating the "Declaration on Human Rights of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan", it offers a good introduction to the culture of nationalism, political independence, and nation building in what was Taiwan's most politically engaged church during the martial law era. Articles are variously in English, Mandarin, and Japanese. Includes helpful biographical information.
3. Michael Welker and Jason Lam (eds.), *Political & Public. Western and Chinese Theological Discourse* (Hong Kong: Logos and Pneuma Press, 2014), 306 pp. This Chinese-language volume is divided into two parts: The first offers a rare translation of essays on public theology by six leading western theologians (originally edited by Welker and published by the Neukirchener Press). Part Two extends the discourse by including 7 Chinese-speaking theologians discussing political and public theology issues in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. This book is in Mandarin.
4. Charles Villa-Vicencio, *A Theology of Reconstruction. Nation-building and human rights* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992), 300 pp. An older but classic text giving a theological perspective on South Africa's processes of national reconstruction. While not always offering detailed theological argument, it provides good social/theoretical analyses, and is rich in details and case studies that can be helpful for comparing or understanding other national contexts.
5. John Witte, Jr., *The Reformation of Rights. Law, Religion, and Human Rights in Early Modern Calvinism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), 388 pp. A highly detailed analysis of the development of human rights theory in Europe and North America following the Protestant Reformation. While it excludes other social actors to focus on the influence of Calvinist traditions, it provides an excellent theoretical discussion of the links between Christian faith, social development, and human rights doctrines.