



ST JOHN'S
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GRADUATE INSTITUTE

EASTERN CLASSICS

SEMINAR READING LIST – FALL

[Please note: Chinese names are given in two transliteration systems. The Pinyin system is the one in use today both for ordinary life and academic publications, but the older and obsolete Wade-Giles system can be found in some of our available editions, many of which were published more than fifty years ago. Both systems are attempts to render the same pronunciations: hence, Mozi (Pinyin) and Mo Tzu (Wade-Giles), Dao De Jing (Pinyin) and Tao Te Ching (Wade-Giles). A brief video on how to pronounce Chinese names on the syllabus will be available soon.]

WEEK ONE

- Confucius, *Analects*, #1 – 7
Any translation carried by the college bookstore is fine, but please avoid non-scholarly translations available elsewhere. If you use the Edward Slingerland translation, the reading is pp. 1 – 77; but please skip the commentary, both Ancient and Modern.
- Confucius, *Analects* #8 – 13 (Slingerland, pp. 78 – 152)

WEEK TWO

- Confucius, *Analects* #14 – 20 (Slingerland, pp. 153 – 235)
- Mo Tzu, *Basic Writings of Mo Tzu, Hsün Tzu, and Han Fei Tzu*, translated by Burton Watson (Columbia University Press) fascicles 11, 16, 17, 19, 20, 26, 27 31, 32, 35, 39; Mo Zi, Chapter 14 “Universal Love I” and Chapter 15 “Universal Love II.” Photocopies are available in the bookstore.

WEEK THREE

- Mengzi (*Meng Tzu, Mencius*), Books I – II. Please choose one of the translations carried by the bookstore.
- Mengzi (*Meng Tzu, Mencius*), Books III – IV

WEEK FOUR

- Mengzi (*Meng Tzu, Mencius*), Books V – VII.
- Xunzi (*Hsün Tzu*), *Basic Writings of Mo Tu, Hsün Tzu, and Han Fei Tzu*, translated by Burton Watson (Columbia University Press), sections 1, 2, 9, 17.

WEEK FIVE

- Xunzi (*Hsün Tzu*), sections 19 – 23, pp. 89 – 171
- Zhuangzi (*Chuang Tzu*), chapters 1-3
Please use one of the translations carried by the bookstore.

WEEK SIX

- Zhuangzi (*Chuang Tzu*), chapters 4-7.
- Zhuangzi (*Chuang Tzu*), chapters 17, 18, 19, 26.

WEEK SEVEN

- Laozi (*Lao Tzu*), *Dao De Jing (Tao Te Ching)*, Chapters 1 – 37. Commentaries are not necessary.
Any translation carried by the bookstore is fine. Consulting multiple translations is encouraged.
- Laozi (*Lao Tzu*), *Dao De Jing (Tao Te Ching)*, Chapters 38 – 81

WEEK EIGHT

- Han Feizi (*Han Fei Tzu*), fascicles 20, 21. Photocopies are available in the bookstore.
- Han Feizi (*Han Fei Tzu*), *Basic Writings of Mo Tzu, Hsün Tzu, and Han Fei Tzu*, translated by Burton Watson, sections 5 – 10, pp. 16 – 72.

WEEK NINE

- Han Feizi (*Han Fei Tzu*), sections 12, 13, 17, 18, 49, 50, pp. 72 – 129
- *The Rig Veda: An Anthology*, translated by Wendy Doniger (Penguin), sections 10.129, 10.121, 10.90, 10.130, 10.190, 10.81-82, 10.72, 10.14, 10.16, 10.18, 10.154, 10.135, 10.58, 10.71, 10.125, 10.101, 10.151, 1.164, 1.163, 1.162, 10.56.

WEEK TEN

- *The Rig Veda*, sections 1.1, 1.26, 5.2, 2.35, 10.51, 10.124, 10.5, 8.79, 9.74, 4.58, 8.48, 10.136, 4.18, 10.28, 1.32, 2.12, 5.83, 7.101, 1.50, 1.160, 1.185, 6.70; 10.10, 1.179, 10.95, 10.85.
- “Bṛhadāranyaka Upaniṣad,” Parts I & II, in collections translated by either Patrick Olivelle (Oxford) or Robert Ernest Hume (Oxford).

WEEK ELEVEN

- “Bṛhadāranyaka Upaniṣad,” Parts III & IV.
- “Bṛhadāranyaka Upaniṣad,” Parts V & VI.

WEEK TWELVE (ESSAYS DUE)

- “Katha Upaniṣad”
- “Kena Upaniṣad” and “Mundaka Upaniṣad.”

WEEK THIRTEEN

- “The Nyāya Sūtra,” in *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, edited by Sarvepali Radhakrishnan and Charles A. Moore (Princeton University Press), pp. 358 – 379.24.

THANKSGIVING, NO CLASS

WEEK FOURTEEN

- “The Vaiśeṣika Sūtra” and “The Padārthadharmasaṃgraha,” *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, pp. 387 – 423.
- Tattva-Kaumudī, karikas 1 – 29. Read both the Sāṅkhya Kārikā verses and the commentary by Vacaspati Misra. Photocopies are available in the bookstore.

WEEK FIFTEEN

- Tattva-Kaumudī, karika 30 – end.
- “The Yoga Philosophy of Patañjali,” in *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, pp. 454 – 485.

WEEK SIXTEEN

- *The Bhagavadgītā in the Mahābhārata*, translated by J. A. B. van Buitenen (Chicago University Press), pp. 39 –107.
- *The Bhagavadgītā*, pp. 107 – 157.



EASTERN CLASSICS READING LIST—SPRING

WEEK ONE

- Kālidāsa, *Kumārasambhava*, in *The Origin of the Young God*, translated by Hank Hifetz (University of California Press).
- Kālidāsa, *The Recognition of Śhakuntalā* (tr. W.J. Johnson, Oxford World Classics)

WEEK TWO

- “The *Dhvanyāloka* of Ānandavardhana with the *Locana* of Abhinavagupta” selections with supplemental material by Keith and Perry. Through pp. 119. Photocopies are available in the bookstore.
- *Dhvanyāloka*, selections through pp. 696.

WEEK THREE

- “Pūrva Mīmāṃsā” section from *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, edited by S. Radhakrishnan and Charles Moore, pp. 486 – 505.
- “Cārvāka” section from *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, pp. 227 – 249.

WEEK FOUR

- “Discourses on the Noble Quest,” “Discourse to Kālāmas,” and “The Greater Discourse on Cause” from *Early Buddhist Discourses*, edited and translated by John Holder (Hackett Publishing).
- “The Greater Discourse on the Foundations of Mindfulness,” “The Greater Discourse on the Destruction of Craving,” “Discourse of the Honeyball.”

WEEK FIVE

- “Short Discourses from the Samyutta Nikāya,” “The Shorter Discourse to Māluṅkyaputta,” “Discourse on the Parable of the Water Snake,” “Discourse to Vacchagotta on Fire.”
- “Discourse to Prince Abhaya,” “Discourse to Potthapāda,” “Discourse on the Threefold Knowledge.”

WEEK SIX

- “Discourse to Assalāyana,” “Discourse to the Layman Sigāla” in Holder); *Samannaphala Sutta* (“Fruits of Recluseship”), xerox.
- *The Lotus Sutra*: Chapters 1 (prose portion only), 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 (only the parable in the last nine paragraphs of the final prose section, beginning with “Monks, you must understand this.”), 8, from *The Lotus Sutra*, translated by Burton Watson (Columbia University Press).

WEEK SEVEN

- *The Lotus Sutra*: Chapters 10 (prose portion), 11 (verse only), 12, 13, 14 (prose portion), 16, 20 (prose portion), 21 (prose portion), 23 (prose portion), 25 (prose portion), 28.
- Nāgārjuna, *Mūlamadhyamakārikā of Nāgārjuna: The Fundamental Wisdom of the Middle Way*, translated by Jay L. Garfield OR *The Philosophy of the Middle Way* translation by David J. Kalupahana, chapters 1, 2, 7.

WEEK EIGHT

- Nāgārjuna, chapters 10, 12, 17, 18.
- Nāgārjuna, 24, 25, 27.

SPRING BREAK

WEEK NINE

- Vimalakīrti Sūtra, *The Holy Teaching of Vimalakīrti*, translated by Robert A. F. Thurman (Penn State), sections 1 – 6.
- Vimalakīrti Sūtra, 7 – end.

WEEK TEN

- Gaudapāda, “*Māndukya Upanishad* with the Kārikā of Gaudapāda” in Vol. II of *The Upanishads* translated by Swami Nikhilananda (Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center), pp. 223 – 368. Read both the *Māndukya Upanishad* and Gaudapāda commentary. Omit other commentaries.
- Saṅkarākārya’s commentary on the Vedānta Sūtras. pp. 2 – 67, *Sacred Books of the East*, Vol. 34, translated by George Thibaut (Motilal Banarsidas) available as a photocopy in the Bookstore. In reading Sa kara and Rāmānujā pay close attention to whether you are hearing their own positions or their opponents’ arguments. The latter can be lengthy and detailed (and plausible).

WEEK ELEVEN

- Saṅkara, pp. 183 – 191, 199 – 216, 283 – 289, 299 – 308, 312 – 320, 355 – 362.
- *Sacred Books of the East*, Vol. 48, translated by George Thibaut (Motilal Banarsidas) available as photocopies.

WEEK TWELVE (ESSAYS DUE)

- Rāmānuja, 102 – 19, 129-138, 255 – 73, 296 – 308
- Jayadeva’s *The Gītāgovinda* in *Love Song of the Dark Lord*, edited and translated by Barbara Stoler Miller (Columbia University Press), pp. 69 – 125.

WEEK THIRTEEN

- The *Diamond Sutra*, in the *Diamond Sutra & the Sutra of Hui-Neng*, translated by A.F. Price and Wong Mou-lam (Shambhala). pp. 17-53. Photocopies of the *Heart Sūtra* are available in the bookstore.
- Hui Neng, Commentary on the *Diamond Sutra*, translated by Thomas Cleary (Shambhala).

WEEK FOURTEEN

- Hui-Neng, *The Platform Sutra of the Sixth Patriarch*, translated by Philip Yampolsky (Columbia University Press), paragraphs 1 – 30.
- *The Platform Sutra of the Sixth Patriarch*, paragraphs 31 – 57.

WEEK FIFTEEN

- *The Great Learning* and *The Doctrine of the Mean*, in *A Sourcebook of Chinese Philosophy*, translated and edited by Wing-Tsit Chan, pp. 84-114.
- Zhu Xi (*Chu Hsi*), “The Complete Works” in *A Sourcebook in Chinese Philosophy*, pp. 605-633.

WEEK SIXTEEN

- Zhu Xi (*Chu Hsi*), pp. 634-53, 593-604
- Wang Yangming, “Inquiry on the Great Learning” and “Instructions for Practical Living,” in *A Sourcebook of Chinese Philosophy*, pp. 659-691.



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WEEK ONE

- *The Tale of the Heike*, translated by Helen Craig McCullough (Stanford University Press), Chapters 1 – 8.
- *The Tale of the Heike*, Chapters 9 – 10.

WEEK TWO

- *The Tale of the Heike*, Chapters 11 – end.
- Kūkai, “The Difference Between Exoteric and Esoteric Buddhism” (pp. 151 – 157), “Attaining Enlightenment in This Very Existence” (pp. 225 – 234), “The Meanings of Sound, Word, and Reality” (pp.234 – 246), from *Kūkai: Major Works*, translated and edited by Yoshito S. Hakeda (Columbia University Press). Photocopies are available in the bookstore.

WEEK THREE

- Sei Shōnagon, *The Pillow Book*, translated by Meredith McKinney (Penguin Classics), pp. 2 – 112.
- *The Pillow Book*, pp. 112 – 189, plus sections 243, 258, 273, S 29.

WEEK FOUR

- Kamo no Chōmei, “Hōjōki or the Record of the Ten-Foot Square Hut” in *Kenkō and Chōmei: Essays in Idleness and Hōjōki*, translated by Meredith McKinney (Penguin) or in *Four Huts: Asian Writings on the Simple Life*, translated by Burton Watson (Shsambhala).
- Dōgen, “Bendōwa,” in *The Heart of Dōgen’s Shōbōgenzō*, translated by Waddell and Abe (SUNY Press).

WEEK FIVE

- Dōgen, “Busshō,” pp. 59 – bottom of 84.
- “Busshō,” pp. 84 – 98.

WEEK SIX

- Dōgen, “Genjōkōan.”
- Dōgen, “Uji.”

WEEK SEVEN

- Kenkō, sections 1 – 38, 43 – 49, 52, 53, 58 – 60, 66 in *Kenkō and Chōmei: Essays in Idleness and Hōjōki*, translated by Meredith Mckinney (Penguin) or *Essays in Idleness*, translated by Donald Keene (Columbia University Press).
- Kenkō, sections 69 – 75, 81 – 85, 89, 92, 97 – 98, 104 – 122, 127 – 130, 133, 137, 154, 162, 166, 184, 188, 190, 191, 235 – 237.

WEEK EIGHT

- Bashō, “Journey of Bleached Bones in a Field,” “Kashima Journal,” “Knapsack Notebook,” “Sarashina Journal” in *Bashō’s Journey: The Literary Prose of Matsuo Bashō*, translated by David Landis Barnhill (SUNY Press).
- Bashō, “The Narrow Road to the Deep North.”