



SEMINAR READING LIST – FALL

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, Hsun 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

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

Week Four

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

Week Five

- Hsun Tzu, sections 19–23, pp. 89–171.
- Chuang Tzu, *The Book of Chuang Tzu* (selections per tutor).
Please use one of the translations carried by the bookstore. If you consult the Palmer & Breully translation, please supplement it with a more scholarly edition.

Week Six

- Chuang Tzu (selections per tutor).
- Chuang Tzu (selections per tutor).

Week Seven

- Lao Tzu, *The Way of Lao Tzu*, Chapters 1–36. Commentaries are not necessary. Any translation carried by the bookstore is fine. Consulting multiple translations is encouraged.
- Lao Tzu, *The Way of Lao Tzu*, Chapters 37–81.

Week Eight

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

Week Nine

- 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.
- “Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad,” Parts I & II, in collections translated by either Patrick Olivelle (Oxford) or Robert Ernest Hume (Oxford).

Week Eleven

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

Week Twelve [ESSAYS DUE]

- “Kaṭha Upaniṣad.”
- “Kena Upaniṣad” and “Muṇḍaka 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.

SEMINAR READING LIST – SPRING

Week One

- Kālidāsa, *Kumārasaṃbhava*, in *The Origin of the Young God*, translated by Hank Hifetz (University of California Press).
- Kālidāsa, *Śakuntalā*, in *Kālidāsa: The Loom of Time*, translated by Chandra Rajan (Penguin 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 Mimāṃsā” 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 Saṃyutta Nikāya,” “The Shorter Discourse to Mālunkya-putta,” “Discourse on the Parable of the Water Snake,” “Discourse to Vacchagotta on Fire.”
- “Discourse to Prince Abhaya,” “Discourse to Poṭṭhapāda,” “Discourse on the Threefold Knowledge.”

Week Six

- “Discourse to Assalāyana,” “The Lion’s Roar on the Wheel-Turning Monarch,” “Discourse to the Layman Sigāla.”
- The Lotus Sutra: Chapters 1 (prose portion only), 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 (only the parable in the last three paragraphs of the final prose section), 8, from *The Lotus Sutra*, translated by Burton Watson (Columbia University Press).

Week Seven

- 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, *Mūlamadhyamakakārikā 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 (selections per tutor).

Week Eight

- Nāgārjuna, (selections per tutor).
- Nāgārjuna, (selections per tutor).

--- 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

- Gauḍapāda, “*Māndukya Upanishad* with the Kārikā of Gauḍapāda” in Vol. II of *The Upanishads* translated by Swami Nikhilananda (Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center), pp. 223–368. Read both the *Māndukya Upanishad* and Gauḍapāda 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). In reading Saṅkara 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.
- Rāmānujā’s commentary on the Vedānta Sūtras, pp. 3–73 (which takes in both the objector and the reply), *Sacred Books of the East*, Vol. 48, translated by George Thibaut (Motilal Banarsidas).

Week Twelve [ESSAYS DUE]

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

Week Thirteen

- “*The Diamond Sūtra*” in *The Diamond Sūtra & the Sūtra 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 Sūtra*, 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 in Chinese Philosophy*, translated and edited by Wing-tsit Chan, pp. 84–114.
- “The Complete Works of Chu Hsi” in *A Sourcebook in Chinese Philosophy*, pp. 605–633.

Week Sixteen

- Chu Hsi, pp. 634–53, 593–604.
- Wang Yang-Ming, “Inquiry on the Great Learning” and selections from “Instructions for Practical Living,” in *A Sourcebook in Chinese Philosophy*, pp. 659–691.

SEMINAR READING LIST – SUMMER

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 (Shambhala).
- 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.”