

# Eastern Classics Seminar Reading List

Fall, Spring, Summer 2017-2018

**FALL**

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## 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 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)

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## WEEK SEVEN

- Lao Tzu, *The Way of Lao Tzu*, chapters 1 - 36. Commentaries are not necessary. Any translation carried in 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. Photocopy available in 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 O'Flaherty (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.
- *Bṛhadaranyaka Upanishad*, parts I - II, in collections translated by either Patrick Olivelle (Oxford), or Robert Ernest Hume (Oxford).

## WEEK ELEVEN

- *Bṛhadaranyaka Upanishad*, parts III - IV.
- *Bṛhadaranyaka Upanishad*, parts V - VI.

## WEEK TWELVE [PAPERS DUE]

- *Katha Upanishad*.

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- *Kena Upanishad* and *Mundaka Upanishad*.

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## WEEK THIRTEEN

- The Nyaya Sutra, in *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, edited by Sarvepali Radhakrishnan and Charles A. Moore, (Princeton University Press) pp. 358 - 378.24.

--- THANKSGIVING, NO CLASS ---

## WEEK FOURTEEN

- “The Vaisesika Sutra” and “The Padarthadharmasamgraha,” *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, pp. 387 - 423.
- *Tattva-Kaumudi*, karikas 1 - 29. Read both the Sankhya Karika verses and the commentary by Vacaspati Misra. Photocopies are available in bookstore.

## WEEK FIFTEEN

- *Tattva-Kaumudi*, karika 30 - end.
- “The Yoga Philosophy of Patanjali,” in *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, 454 - 485.

## WEEK SIXTEEN

- *The Bhagavad Gita in the Mahabharata*, translated by J. A. B. van Buitenen
- (Chicago University Press), pp. 39 - 107.
- The *Bhagavad Gita*, pp. 107 - 157.

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**SPRING**

## WEEK ONE

- Kalidasa, *Kumarasambhava*, in *The Origin of the Young God*, translated by Hank Hifetz (University of California Press).
- Kalidasa, *Shakuntala*, in *Kalidasa: The Loom of Time*, translated by Chandra Rajan (Penguin Classics).

## WEEK TWO

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- Anandavardhana, *Dhvanyaloka (with the Locana of Abhinavagupta)*, selections with supplemental material by Keith and Perry. Through pp. 119. Photocopy available in bookstore.
- *Dhvanyaloka*, selections through pp. 696.

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## SPRING (Continued)

### WEEK THREE

- Purva Mimamsa section from *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, edited by S. Radhakrishnan and Charles Moore, pp. 486 - 505.
- Charvaka section from *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, pp. 227 - 249.

### WEEK FOUR

- “Discourses on the Noble Quest,” “Discourse to Kalamas,” “The Greater Discourse on Cause.” *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 Nikaya,” “The Shorter Discourse to Malunkya-putta,” “Discourse on the Parable of the Water Snake,” “Discourse to Vacchagotta on Fire.
- “Discourse to Prince Abhaya,” “Discourse to Potthapada,” “Discourse on the Threefold Knowledge”

### WEEK SIX

- “Discourse to Assalayana,” “The Lion’s Roar on the Wheel-Turning Monarch,” “Discourse to the Layman Sigala”
- *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.

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- Nagarjuna, *Mulamadhamakarika of Nagarjuna: The Philosophy of the Middle Way*, translated by David J. Kalupahana OR Jay L. Garfield (selections per tutor)

## WEEK EIGHT

- Nagarjuna, (selections per tutor)
- Nagarjuna, (selections per tutor)

--- SPRING BREAK ---

**SPRING (Continued)**

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## WEEK NINE

- *Vimalakirti Sutra*, translated by Robert A. F. Thurman (Penn State), sections 1 - 6.
- *Vimalakirti Sutra*, 7 - end.

## WEEK TEN

- Gaudapada, *The Great Karika on the Mandukya Upanishad*, edited by Nikhilananda, pp. 223 - 368 (Mandukya Upanishad and Gaudapada commentary only. Omit other commentaries.)
- Shankaracharya's commentary on the *Vedanta Sutras*. pp. 2 - 67. *Sacred Books of the East, Vol. 34*, translated by George Thibaut, Motilal Banarsidas. In reading Shankara and Ramanuja 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

- Shankara, pp. 183-191, 199-216, 283-289, 299-308, 312-320, 355-362.
- Ramanuja's commentary on the *Vedanta Sutras*, 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]

- Ramanuja, pp. 102 - 19, 255 - 73, 296 - 308
- Jayadeva, "Gita Govinda," in *Love Song of the Dark Lord*, edited and translated by Barbara Stoler Miller (Columbia University Press), pp. 69 - 125.

## WEEK THIRTEEN

- *Diamond Sutra*, in *The Diamond Sutra & the Sutra of Hui-Neng*, translated by A.F. Price and Wong Mou-lam (Shambhala). pp. 17-53. *Heart Sutra*, photocopy available in bookstore.

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- 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.

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## 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.
- Chu Hsi, selection from Complete Works, in *A Sourcebook of Chinese Philosophy*, pp. 605 - 633.

## WEEK SIXTEEN

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

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## 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.
- Kukai, *The Meanings of Sound, Word, and Reality*, from *Kukai: Major Works*, translated and edited by Yoshito S. Hakeda (Columbia University Press). pp. 234 - 246. Photocopy available in bookstore.

## WEEK THREE

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- Sei Shonagon, *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 Chomei, “Hojoki or the Record of the Ten-Foot Square Hut” in Kenko and Chomei, *Essays in Idleness and Hojoki*, translated by Meredith McKinney (Penguin) or in *Four Huts: Asian Writings on the Simple Life*, translated by Burton Watson (Shambhala)
- Dogen, “Bendowa,” in *The Heart of Dogen’s Shobogenzo*, translated by Waddell and Abe (SUNY Press).

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## WEEK FIVE

- Dogen, “Bussho,” pp. 59 - bottom of 84.
- “Bussho,” pp. 84 - 98.

## WEEK SIX

- Dogen, “Genjokoan.”
- Dogen, “Uji.”

## WEEK SEVEN

- Kenko, Sections 1-38, 43-49, 52, 53, 58-60, 66 in Kenko and Chomei, *Essays in Idleness and Hojoki*, translated by Meredith Mckinney (Penguin) or *Essays in Idleness*, translated by Donald Keene (Columbia University Press)
- Kenko, 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

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

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