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GRADUATE INSTITUTE

EASTERN  
CLASSICS

## SEMINAR READING LIST — SPRING

### WEEK ONE

- Kālidāsa, *Kumārasaṃbhava*, 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. Available in bound manual from 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 Saṃyutta Nikāya,” “The Shorter Discourse to Mālunkyaputta,” “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,” “Discourse to the Layman Sigāla” in Holder); *Samannaphala Sutta* (Fruits of Reclusehip). Available in bound manual from the bookstore.
- *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, 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, *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, 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

- 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). Available in bound manual from the bookstore. 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.
- *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 Gitagovinda*” 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. *Heart Sūtra* is in bound manual from 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.
- Zhu Xi (*Chu Hsi*) “*The Complete Works of Chu Hsi*” in *A Sourcebook in Chinese Philosophy*, pp. 605–633.

## WEEK SIXTEEN

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