

PHIL3541
Topics in Ancient Chinese Philosophy 古代中國哲學專題
(Pre-Qin Philosophy)

Course Outline

Time :	M 13:30-16:15	Location :	SCE E108
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The course will focus on early Chinese thought, including the following thinkers: Confucius, Mozi, Yangzhu, Mencius, Zhuangzi, Xunzi. The approach is 'analytic' in nature, in a manner characteristic of the way the subject is studied in Anglo-American academic communities. We will discuss the connotations of key philosophical terms, analyze important passages, and consider the relation between and the influence among early Chinese thinkers. The goal is to develop an understanding of early Chinese thought and the relevant analytic skills.

The course will be conducted in English and does not require knowledge of Chinese. The assignments for the course include tutorial participation and presentation, a number of short essays, short quizzes, and a final examination. Readings include the follow English translations of early Chinese philosophical texts:

D. C. Lau Confucius: the Analects

D. C. Lau Mencius

Burton Watson Mo Tzu

Burton Watson Chuang Tzu

Burton Watson Hsun Tzu

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