

PHIL3531 Topics in Chinese Philosophy 中國哲學專題

Chinese Philosophy from a Perspective of Analytic Philosophy

(從分析哲學觀點看中國哲學)

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Course Description

This course is a critical and comparative study of Chinese philosophy with emphasis on analytic methods. It aims at providing students with the basic training of how to use analytic methods, such as logical analysis, linguistic and conceptual analysis, and thought experiments, in dealing with the main issues in Chinese philosophy.

這是一門以分析方法和比較角度來探討中國哲學問題的課目。其目的在訓練同學使用分析哲學的方法（包括邏輯分析、語言概念分析及思想實驗等方法），以處理中國哲學的問題。

Course Objectives

Through a comparative study of Chinese and Western philosophy, students are expected to have a deep understanding of the characteristics of both philosophical

traditions, including their sameness and difference. This may be helpful for students to explore their philosophical horizon, to be able to use analytic methods to deal with problems in Chinese philosophy, and to investigate the deep level of meaning in Chinese thought.

透過中西哲學的比較研究，同學可更深入理解中西兩大哲學傳統之特性及異同，從而拓寬其哲學視野，有助同學運用西方哲學的方法去分析中國哲學的問題，及發掘中國哲學思想之深層意義。

Course Outline

Topic 1 How to Do Chinese Philosophy with Analytic Methods?

——Three Main Streams/Trends of Doing Chinese Philosophy

- Readings**
- (1) Yiu-ming Fung: Problematizing Contemporary Confucianism in East Asia
 - (2) Yiu-ming Fung: Issues and Methods of Analytic Philosophy in Chinese Philosophy
 - (3) The Usefulness and Limitations of Analytic Method in Chinese Philosophy*

Topic 2 How to Use Logical Method in Chinese Philosophy?

- Readings**
- (1) Bertrand Russell's Theory of "Definite Descriptions" (Notes)*
 - (2) Saul Kripke's Idea of "Rigid Designators" (Notes)*
 - (3) Yiu-ming Fung: A Logical Perspective on Discourse on White-Horse (Selection)*

Topic 3 How to Use the Theory of Speech Acts in Chinese Philosophy?

- Readings**
- (1) Henry Rosemont, Jr.: Is Zen [禪 Chan] Buddhism a Philosophy?
 - (2) Henry Rosemont, Jr.: The Meaning Is the Use: Kooan (公案 Public Case) and Mondoo (問答 Q & A) as Linguistic Tools of the Zen Masters*
 - (3A) Yiu-ming Fung: How to Do Zen with Words?*
 - (4B) John Searle's Reply*

Topic 4 How to Use Thought Experiments in Chinese Philosophy?

- Readings**
- (1) John Searle's "Chinese Room" Argument (Notes)*
 - (2) Hilary Putnam's "Brains in a Vat" Argument (Notes)*
 - (3E) Yiu-ming Fung: Three Dogmas in New Confucianism (Selection)
 - (3C) 馮耀明：德古來(外星人)的新儒家世界：一個思想實驗*

Topic 5 Transcendental Argument/Transcendental Deduction

——Two Kinds of Transcendental Arguments

- Readings**
- (1E) Fung Yu-lan: Method in *Xin Li Xue**
 - (1C) 馮友蘭：新理學的方法*
 - (2) Yiu-ming Fung: Davidson's Charity in the Context of Chinese Philosophy (Selection)*
 - (3) 馮耀明：超越分析與邏輯分析

Topic 6 The Thesis of Anti-Logic versus the Thesis of Historical Positivism in Buddhism

- Readings**
- (1E) Hu Shih: Ch'an (Zen) Buddhism in China: Its History and Method
 - (1C) 胡適：中國的禪：它的歷史與方法*
 - (2E) D. T. Suzuki: Zen: A Reply to Hu Shih
 - (2C) 鈴木大拙：禪：敬答胡適博士*
 - (3E) Yiu-ming Fung: The Thesis of Anti-Logic in Buddhism
 - (3C) 馮耀明：佛理、禪悟與邏輯*

Topic 7 Language and Logic in the *Gongsun Longzi*

- Readings**
- (1E) Chad Hansen: Kung-sun Lung and the White Horse Paradox*
 - (1C) 陳漢生：公孫龍和白馬怪論 [詭論/悖論/詭辭]
 - (2) 方萬全：論陳漢生的物質名詞假設*
 - (3A & B) 馮耀明：公孫龍子：一個分析哲學的觀點 (第三及七章)

Topic 8 How to Understand the Relation between *Ren* (仁 Benevolence) and *Li* (禮 Rites) in the *Analects*?

- Readings**
- (1) Herbert Fingarette: The Locus of the Personal (Selection)*
 - (2) Yiu-ming Fung: Disposition or Imposition?*

- (3) Yiu-ming Fung: *Ren* as a Heavy Concept in the *Analects*
- (4) 馮耀明：論語中仁與禮關係新詮

Topic 9 **Is Human Nature Evil in the *Xunzi*?**

- Readings**
- (1) Lao Sze-kwong: *A History of Chinese Philosophy* (Selection)
 - (2) Fung Yu-lan: *A History of Chinese Philosophy* (Selection)
 - (3) 馮耀明：荀子人性論新詮*
 - (4) Yiu-ming Fung: Two Senses of *Wei* (偽 artifact)

Topic 10 **How Do you Know the Happiness of a Fish?**

- Readings**
- (1) Wan-Chuan Feng: The Case of the Happy Fish—Going Back to the Ordinary*
 - (2) Yiu-ming Fung: Zhuangzi's Idea of *Wei-yi* (為一 Being One)*

Topic 11 **Skill and *Dao* in the *Zhuangzi***

- Readings**
- (1) 方萬全：莊子論技與道*
 - (2) Chris Fraser: *Wu-wei* (無為 Non-doing), the Background, and Intentionality
 - (3) Yiu-ming Fung: Skill and *Dao* in the *Zhuangzi*: with Special Reference to the Cook Ding Story*

Topic 12 **Wang Yang-ming's Idea of *Liang-zhi* (良知 Original Zhi)**

- Readings**
- (1) 馮耀明：王陽明「心外無物」說新詮
 - (2) Yiu-ming Fung: Wang Yang-ming's Theory of *Liang-zhi**

* Required Reading

Requirements and Grading

- (1) Regular Attendance and Discussion: 10%
- (2) Mid-term Short Essay (Case Study or Book Report): 20%
- (3) Final-term Academic Paper: 70%

References

- (1) Herbert Fingarette: *Confucius - The Secular as Sacred* (New York: Harper and Row, 1972)
- (2) A. C. Graham, *Disputers of the Tao: Philosophical Argument in Ancient China* (La Salle, Illinois: Open Court, 1989)
- (3) A. C. Graham, *Chuang Tzu: The Inner Chapters* (Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, 2001)
- (4) Chad Hansen: *Language and Logic in Ancient China* (Michigan: University of Michigan Press 1983)
- (5) Chad Hansen, *A Daoist Theory of Chinese Thought: A Philosophical Interpretation* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992)
- (6) Kwong-loi Shun, “*Ren and Li in the Analects,*” *Philosophy East and West* 43, no. 3 (1993)
- (7) 方萬全：〈論陳漢生的物質名詞假設〉，葉錦明編《邏輯思想與語言哲學》(台北學生書局 1997)，頁201-222。
- (8) 方萬全：〈真理概念與先秦哲學〉《南京大學學報》，2006年第二期，頁91-102。
- (9) 馮耀明：《公孫龍子》(台北東大圖書公司2000)
- (10) 馮耀明：《中國古代哲學思想》(香港公開大學1992)
- (11) 馮友蘭：《中國哲學史》(上海商務印書館1934)
- (12) 勞思光：《新編中國哲學史》(台北三民書局2010)