

**PHIL5541 Topics in Eastern Philosophy: Madhyamaka Philosophy**

**Course Outline**

**Course overview**

What is reality? How do we know? How shall we exist? This course intends to explore the rich sources of Buddhist philosophical traditions. Topics include emptiness and negation, theories of mind, language and perception. Attention will be given to their relevance to the contemporary discussions in Western philosophy. Readings for this semester include basic works in Madhyamaka Buddhism.

實相為何？吾人何以知之？我等該如何存活？本課程旨在探討佛教哲學傳統的豐富資源，專題包括空與否定，心識、語言和知覺的理論，亦注重與當代西方哲學有關討論的關聯，本學期的讀物包括佛教中觀派的基本著作

**Topics/Schedule**

TBA

**Assessment scheme**

<i>Task nature</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Discussion and Presentation		20%
Short paper (text commentary/analysis)	1,000-2,000 words	30%
Final paper	3,000-5,000 words	50%

**Recommended learning resources**

龍樹《中論》  
清辨《中觀心論》  
月稱《入中論》  
Śāntarakṣita's *Tattvasaṃgraha* 攝真實論 (with commentary of Kamalaśīla)

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### **Details of course website**

We use Blackboard Learn (elearn.cuhk.edu.hk) for this course. Lecture notes and information on tutorial assignments and examinations will be posted on the website.

### **Academic honesty and plagiarism**

Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>

With each assignment, students will be required to submit a signed **declaration** that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures. For group projects, all students of the same group should be asked to sign the declaration.

For assignments in the form of a computer-generated document that is principally text-based and submitted via VeriGuide, the statement, in the form of a receipt, will be issued by the system upon students' uploading of the soft copy of the assignment. Assignments without the receipt will not be graded by teachers. Only the final version of the assignment should be submitted via VeriGuide.