Special Topics: Philosophy Readings:
- Heidegger’s *Being and Time*

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Course description:
This course undertakes an intensive reading as well as detailed analysis of Heidegger’s monumental work *Being and Time (Sein und Zeit)*. In the first few weeks, the course will start with introductory lectures in which the main objectives and major conceptual distinctions of the work are discussed. Special emphasis will be put on the question how Heidegger’s *Being and Time* fits in to the scenario of the phenomenological movement as a whole. Classes will then be held in the form of seminar. The text of *Being and Time* will be excerpted and divided into several major clusters and assigned to participants, who are expected to make active contribution through presentation (in groups) and discussion of assigned passages of the text. To facilitate conceptual analysis, a ‘lexical field’ approach guided by a self-implemented computer programme will be adopted so that Heidegger’s terminologies can be treated in as systematic a manner as possible. Among various topics of interest, the following issues will be focused for discussion: doctrine of existentialists, worldliness, temporality, historicity, problem of individuation, theoretical structure of *Being & Time*, the problem of its ‘shipwreck’, retrospective assessment of *Being & Time* by Heidegger himself, relation of *Being and Time* to Heidegger’s subsequent development, overall impact of the text, etc. To meaningfully benefit from this course, a good knowledge of the general history of western philosophy is a prerequisite. Some knowledge of German is an advantage. Toward the end of the semester, a paper on a topic previously agreed upon is required. Assessment will be made on the readiness for discussion in class as well as on the final paper.

Main Text:
- Heidegger, Martin, *Sein und Zeit*, zwölfte, unveränderte Auflage (Tübingen: Max Niemeyer, 1972)
- 海德格爾著，陳嘉映、王慶節譯：《存在與時間》。

Other Texts by Heidegger related to the course:


Other Readings related to topic:


46. Tze-wan Kwan, “Subjekt und Person: Zwei Selbst-Bilder des modernen Menschen in kulturübergreifender Perspektive”, lecture presented on 26 June 2007 at the Institut für Philosophie, Freie Universität Berlin, in conjunction with the RGC funded “Germany/HK Joint Research Scheme” project on the topic “A Cross-Cultural Study of the Concepts of Subject and Person”.


