Graduate Student Readings

Students who have not taken POLI 113B/213B and do not otherwise have a background in the study of Chinese and Japanese political thought are expected to complete the readings assigned for POLI 113C. In addition, the following Recommended Readings are assigned, at least one of which must be completed for each week. Approximately 3 times during the quarter, each student must present brief précis of one of the recommended readings in the seminar (about 1-1/2 pages for an article and about 3 pages for a book).

In addition to the books ordered at the University Books Store and the reader for POLI 113C, students might wish to acquire copies of the following books:


1Office hours offer an opportunity for students to discuss issues concerning the course and other matters with respect to their career plans with the professor. Many times such discussions outside the classroom can be the most valuable for the student. Professor Hoston is also available to meet with students on other occasions, such as over a snack or light meal. Please contact her at her e-mail address above any time to arrange alternative meeting times.
The HTML version of this syllabus offers links to these items where they can be purchased on Amazon.com.

**WEEK 2: WEEK OF APR 11  Review of Major Schools of Chinese Thought and**

The Evolution of Buddhism in China and Japan

**Strongly Recommended:** Herbert Fingarette, *Confucius: The Secular as Sacred* (N.p.: Waveland Press, Inc., n.d.)

**Recommended:**

- Schwartz, *World of Thought in Ancient China*, chap. 4
- Benjamin I. Schwartz, *The World of Thought in Ancient China*, chaps. 1-4, 6

**WEEK 3: WEEK OF APRIL 18  Esoteric Trends in Chinese and Japanese Buddhism**

Ch’en, *Buddhism in China*, chaps. 8-10

Hoston, POLI 213C Chinese and Japanese Political Thought (II)  
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**WEEK 4: WEEK OF APRIL 25**  
*Chan (Zen) Buddhism and Neo-Confucianism in China and Japan (I)*


Ch’en, *Buddhism in China*, chaps. 14 -16


**WEEK 5: WEEK OF MAY 2**  
*Chan (Zen) Buddhism and Neo-Confucianism in China and Japan (II)*


**WEEK 6:**  
*Final Paper Proposal Due*

**WEEK 7: WEEK OF MAY 16**  
*Chan (Zen) Buddhism and Neo-Confucianism in China*
and Japan (III)
Frederic Wakeman, Jr., History and Will: Philosophical Perspectives of Mao Tse-tung’s Thought (Berkeley: University of California, 1973), chap. 16-17 (“Wang Yang-ming”)
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Moral and Spiritual Cultivation in Japanese Neo-Confucianism: The Life and thought of Kaibara Ekken (State University of New York Press, 1990

WEEK 8: The Search for Authenticity: Japanese Nativism and Chinese Reformism and Conservatism in the late 19th Century
Joan Judge, “The Concept of Popular Empowerment (Minquan) in the Late Qing: Classical and Contemporary Sources of Authority”, in Confucianism and Human Rights, eds. de Bary and Tu, pp. 193-207
On-cho Ng, Cheng-Zhu Confucianism in the Early Qing: Li Guangdi (1642–1718) and Qing Learning. (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2001)
Chen, Buddhism in China, chap. 17
Wakeman, History and Will, chaps. 8-9

WEEK 9: WEEK OF MAY 30 “Modernization” vs Westernization
Liu Shao-ch'i, How To Be A Good Communist

Hoston, POLI 213C Chinese and Japanese Political Thought (II) Spring 2010


Joseph Levenson, Liang Ch’i-ch’ao and the Mind of Modern China (Berkeley: University of California, 1959, 1967)

Philip C. Huang, Liang Ch’i-ch’ao and Modern Chinese Liberalism (Seattle: University of Washington, 1972), selected chapters


WEEK 10: WEEK OF JUNE 6 Contemporary Thought and the Future of East Asia

Wakeman, History and Will, pts. 1, 3, 5


Daniel A. Bell, “Confucian Constraints on Property Rights,” in Confucianism for the Modern World, pp. 218-235

Randall Peerenboom, “Confucian Harmony and Freedom of Thought: The Right to Think Versus Right Thinking,” in Confucianism and Human Rights, eds. de Bary and Tu, pp. 234-260