

# PHIL104/ASIA104/RELS104

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## ASIAN PHILOSOPHY

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Section 3: Online Section 80 with Monday intensive sessions

Section 4: Online Section 81 with Friday intensive sessions

This GE area V course presents a philosophical examination of some central ideas of *Yi-Jing* philosophy, Confucianism, Daoism, Hinduism, Buddhism and some significant movements of thought in Asian philosophical traditions.

There are three emphases. (1) We emphasize appreciation of distinctive ways of thinking and methodological approaches to develop a critical and balanced mind/capacity to look at things from distinct perspectives and a higher and broader vantage point. (2) We emphasize appreciation of some representative substantial ideas and visions in Asian philosophy and their historical and cultural contexts to achieve new visions and perspectives and to expand our understanding of the world and human life. (3) We take a comparative-engagement approach by which we examine how those Asian philosophical thoughts will be constructively engage with each other and/or with some relevant resources in Western philosophical tradition to make joint contributions to our understanding and treatment of some jointly-concerned significant issues in philosophy and in society.

Texts:

- <1> Bo Mou: *Chinese Philosophy A-Z* (Edinburgh University Press, 2010)
- <2> Sue Hamilton: *Indian Philosophy* (Oxford University Press, 2001)
- <3> *Course Reader* [Its electronic files posted at the class website]