

Chinese Philosophy (B-KUL-F0UC2A)

4 ECTS English 26 First term

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This course is not taught this academic year, but will be taught next year.

POC Taal- en regiostudies

Aims

To introduce and reflect upon early Chinese texts through textual passages from primary sources in translation. The focus lies (1) on the interaction of the texts with contemporary issues and (2) on the possibility of different translations or interpretations. In the lecture notes, original textual passages are usually given only one translation; other options will be discussed in class. The lecture notes are in English, but the bibliographies include sources in other languages, including Dutch. Classes alternate between English (even years) and Dutch (uneven years).

Previous knowledge

The student is expected to have a basic understanding of philosophy or Chinese culture. Knowledge of Chinese is not necessary for this course.

Is included in these courses of study

- [Master of Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies \(Leuven\)](#) 60 erts.
- [Master in de wijsbegeerte \(Leuven\)](#) 60 erts.
- [Master of Philosophy \(Leuven\)](#) 60 erts.
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- [Bachelor of Philosophy \(Programme for students started before 2020-2021\) \(Leuven\)](#) 180 erts.
- [Research Master of Philosophy \(Abridged Programme\) \(Leuven\)](#) 60 erts.
- [Research Master of Philosophy \(Leuven\)](#) 120 erts.
- [Microcredential filosofische propedeuse \(Leuven\)](#) 50 erts.
- [Microcredential letterenacademie: Oost-Azië studies \(Leuven\)](#) 24 erts.
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Activities

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Content

The course notes contain discussions of textual passages from the perspective of two major concerns in the Chinese intellectual world: (1) the views on and uses of language and (2) views on the relationship of Heaven with humans. The main focus lies on the first eruption of different ideas in the ancient period (c. 5th – 3rd centuries BCE.) recorded in sources associated with or named after Confucius, Mozi, Mencius, Laozi, Zhuangzi, Xunzi, and Hanfeizi.

Language of instruction: more information

Knowledge of Chinese is not necessary for this course.

Format: more information

The students are expected to read the relevant course notes before class (one chapter per class). The lectures will discuss only a selection of the primary fragments in relation to a contemporary issue. This is followed by discussion or questions.

Evaluation

Evaluation: Chinese Philosophy (B-KUL-F2UC2a)

Type : Continuous assessment without exam during the examination period

Description of evaluation : Paper/Project

Explanation

When writing the paper students respect the faculty's policy on **plagiarism**.

Required in stage

This year

Taught by

Optional in stage

Next year

Language of instruction

First term

Alternating years

Duration

Second term

External

Both terms

Prerequisites

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