

LEARNING MODULE DESCRIPTION

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Module title: **Introduction to Chinese Philosophy**
2. Module code: 22-EIP-ICP
3. Term: Spring
4. Duration: 30 hours
5. ECTS: 5
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8. Language: English

DETAILED INFORMATION

1. Module aim (aims)

After the module, a student:

- is familiarized with the thought of the greatest Chinese philosophers
- possesses the ability to understand and interpret the source texts of Chinese thought
- is able to analyse and compare the core concepts of classical Chinese philosophy
- knows the influence of Chinese philosophy upon China's society and culture
- has improved her/his intercultural communication skills in the Chinese context

2. Pre-requisites in terms of knowledge, skills and social competences (where relevant):

No prior knowledge of Chinese language or culture is required.

READING LIST

Chan Wing-tsit, *A Sourcebook in Chinese philosophy*, Princeton University Press, Princeton 1963.

JeeLoo Liu, *An Introduction to Chinese Philosophy: From Ancient Philosophy to Chinese Buddhism*, Blackwell Publishing, Malden 2016.

Dawid Rogacz, *Chinese Philosophy of History. From Ancient Confucianism to the End of the Eighteenth Century*, Bloomsbury Academic, London 2020.

Bryan Van Norden, *Introduction to Classical Chinese Philosophy*, Hackett Publishing, Indianapolis 2011.

SYLLABUS:

- Week 1: Stylistic and theoretical distinctiveness of Chinese philosophy. Origins of Chinese thought
Week 2: Confucius and his disciples
Week 3: Classical Confucianism: Mencius and Xunzi
Week 4: Classical Daoism: Laozi and Zhuangzi
Week 5: Mozi and the Mohists
Week 6: School of Names. *Book of Changes* and the Yin-Yang School. School of Agriculture
Week 7: Legalism: Shang Yang and Han Fei. *Art of War*. Philosophical foundations of Chinese empire
Week 8: Correlative thought under the Han. Evolution of Daoism and the birth of Chinese medicine
Week 9: Independent thinkers of the Han dynasty: Jia Yi, Yang Xiong, Wang Chong. Chinese science
Week 10: Neo-Daoism. Millenarianism of the Sect of Supreme Peace
Week 11: Buddhism in China: tensions and problems. First schools of Chinese Buddhism
Week 12: Tiantai and Huayan schools of Chinese Buddhism
Week 13: Chan Buddhism
Week 14: The birth of Neo-Confucianism: Han Yu and Liu Zongyuan
Week 15: Summary and the closing discussion