



## Philosophy at Crossroads: Philosophy East and West

<b>Course Code</b>	???		
<b>Class Times</b>	Mon/Wed/Thu 13:00-16:00	<b>Classroom</b>	TBA
<b>Equivalent Year Level</b>	1	<b>Course Credit</b>	3
<b>Instructor</b>	Sukjae LEE	<b>Sessions</b>	1-14
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### □ Instructor's Profile



#### **Sukjae LEE**

Professor, Department of Philosophy, Seoul National University

Sukjae Lee's main area of research is the history of early modern philosophy in the Western tradition. He is particularly interested in issues concerning causation, individuation, and identity, and has written numerous papers on the views of Leibniz, Malebranche, and Berkeley on such topics. His paper "Berkeley on the Activity of Spirits" won the John Rogers Prize awarded by the British Society for the History of Philosophy in 2013. Prior to joining the SNU faculty in 2010, Professor Lee taught at the Ohio State University for nine years. He is currently working on a monograph on Leibniz.

#### **Education**

Ph.D., Yale University

B.A., M.A., Seoul National University

#### **Expertise**

History of Early Modern Philosophy

#### **Most Recent Works**

- "Conservations as Continuous Creation: Just Like Creation but Not Necessarily Recreation" in *Occasionalism: From Metaphysics to Science*, ed. by Matteo Favaretti Camposampiero, Mariangela Priarolo & Emanuela Scribano (Brepols, forthcoming)
- "Berkeley on Continuous Creation: Occasionalism Contained" in *Berkeley's Three Dialogues: New Essays*, ed. by Stefan Storrie (Oxford University Press, 2018)



## □ Course Information

Course Description	Contemporary Korea, in many respects, can be thought of as an exciting crucible of various traditions; it is where East meets West and the old and new come together. In this course, we will introduce ourselves to the art of philosophy as we embrace and celebrate this distinct intellectual locality that is Korea. That is, we will aim to cultivate the art of articulating one's views about a philosophical problem and defending them on the basis of good arguments, by focusing on some philosophical issues that are both representative and fundamental to the Western and Asian traditions. Readings will come from classics selected from both traditions.
Course Evaluation	Class participation 20% Midterm exam 40% Final Paper 40% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attending lectures is an essential component to the course and is mandatory. The readings are intended to <i>supplement</i> the lectures and cannot be a substitute for them.</li> <li>○ Participation in classroom discussion is strongly encouraged. Active participants will be noted and rewarded for their contribution in deciding the final grade for the course.</li> </ul>
Course Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plato, <i>Five Dialogues</i>, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, tr. by G.M.A. Grube, revised by John Cooper (Hackett Publishing co., 2002) [P]</li> <li>• René Descartes, <i>Philosophical Essays and Correspondence</i>, ed. by Roger Ariew (Hackett Publishing co., 2000) [D]</li> <li>• David Hume, <i>An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i>, ed. by Eric Steinberg (Hackett Publishing, 1993) [H]</li> <li>• John Stuart Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i>, ed. By George Sher (Hackett Publishing, 1979) [M]</li> <li>• Koller &amp; Koller (eds.), <i>A Sourcebook in Asian Philosophy</i>, (Prentice Hall, 1991) [AP]</li> </ul>
Class Policy	<u>NOTE ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT</u> Academic misconduct of any sort is a very serious violation of University requirements, and will be treated in accordance with the sanctions specified by University regulations.
Etc. (e.g. Guidelines)	Midterm exam: July 12th in class. Final Paper: due July 26 <sup>th</sup> in class; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4-5 pages, double-spaced. 12 point font.</li> <li>○ Topics will be provided in advance.</li> </ul>

## □ Course Schedule

**Session 1 (Jun. 27, Wed) - Topic : Introduction & Plato: The Corruption of the Young and Akrasia**

- *Apology* (P pp. 21-44)

**Session 2 (Jun. 28, Thu) - Plato: What is piety and the Euthyphro question**

- *Euthyphro* (P pp.1-20)



**Session 3 (Jul. 2, Mon)** 7/1 Descartes: Skepticism & The Cogito

- *Meditation I & Meditation II* (**D** pp.97-113)

**Session 4 (Jul. 4, Wed)** Descartes: Mind-Body Dualism & Hume: The Copy Thesis and the Missing Shade of Blue

- *Meditation VI* (**D**, 132-141)
- *Enquiry* §II-III (**H** pp.9-13)

**Session 5 (Jul. 5, Thu)** Hume: Will the Sun Rise Tomorrow?

- *Enquiry* §IV-VII (**H** pp.15-53)

**Session 6 (Jul. 9, Mon)** Mill: The Principle of Utility

- *Utilitarianism* I-III (**M** pp.1-33)

**Session 7 (Jul. 11, Wed)** Mill: Problems for Utilitarianism

- *Utilitarianism* IV-V (**M** pp.34-63)

**Session 8 (Jul. 12, Thu)** Mid-term Exam

**Session 9 (Jul. 16, Mon)** Asian Philosophical Traditions - Introduction

**Session 10 (Jul. 18, Wed)** The Philosophy of the Upanishads

- *Vedas and Upanishads* (**AP** pp.5-32)

**Session 11 (Jul. 19, Thu)** Buddhist Philosophy

- *What the Buddha Taught* (**AP** pp.193-219)

**Session 12 (Jul. 23, Mon)** Buddhist Philosophy & Confucianism

- *What the Buddha Taught* (**AP** pp.193-219), *The Analects* (**AP** pp.407-421)

**Session 13 (Jul. 25, Wed)** Confucianism

- *Mencius & Xunzi* (**AP** pp.477-500)

**Session 14 (Jul. 26, Thu)** Daoism

- *Daodejing & Zhuangzi* (**AP** pp.444-460)