Philosophy at Crossroads: Philosophy East and West

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Instructor’s Profile

Sukjae LEE  
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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 Priorolo & Emanuela Scribano (Brepols, forthcoming)

## 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
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- Attending lectures is an essential component to the course and is mandatory. The readings are intended to supplement the lectures and cannot be a substitute for them.
- 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.

### Course Materials
- René Descartes, *Philosophical Essays and Correspondence*, ed. by Roger Ariew (Hackett Publishing co., 2000) [D]
- David Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, ed. by Eric Steinberg (Hackett Publishing, 1993) [H]
- Koller & Koller (eds.), *A Sourcebook in Asian Philosophy*, (Prentice Hall, 1991) [AP]

### Class Policy
**NOTE ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT**<br>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 26th in class;
  - 4-5 pages, double-spaced. 12 point font.
  - Topics will be provided in advance.

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

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

Session 5 (Jul. 5, Thu) Hume: Will the Sun Rise Tomorrow?
   o  Enquiry §IV-VII (H pp.15-53)

Session 6 (Jul. 9, Mon) Mill: The Principle of Utility
   o  Utilitarianism I-III (M pp.1-33)

Session 7 (Jul. 11, Wed) Mill: Problems for Utilitarianism
   o  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
   o  Vedas and Upanishads (AP pp.5-32)

Session 11 (Jul. 19, Thu) Buddhist Philosophy
   o  What the Buddha Taught (AP pp.193-219)

Session 12 (Jul. 23, Mon) Buddhist Philosophy & Confucianism
   o  What the Buddha Taught (AP pp.193-219), The Analects (AP pp.407-421)

Session 13 (Jul. 25, Wed) Confucianism
   o  Mencius & Xunzi  (AP pp.477-500)

Session 14 (Jul. 26, Thu) Daoism
   o  Daodejing  & Zhuangzi (AP pp.444-460)