

IDS 2935 (1IKA, 1IK1) SELF AND SOCIETY IN EAST ASIA

UF Quest 1/ Identity

General Education: Humanities, International, Writing (2000)

[Note: A minimum grade of C is required for General Education credit]

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MAT 0107

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Course Description

This interdisciplinary Quest 1 course prompts students to reconsider the nature of identities, both personal and social, as well as personhood itself, through a rigorous examination of traditional Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese texts. Much like the Bible or the US Constitution in America, these historical works inform mainstream cultural identity and practice in contemporary East Asia, despite their ancient provenance. Direct engagement with these primary sources will allow students to approach identity from a non-liberal perspective that does not revolve around ideas of inherent rights, freedoms, and liberties, and expose them to alternative ideas about the definition of humanity, the construction of society, and the so-called natural order. As a result, students will be able to critically reflect, through comparison, on the processes that create and maintain identities in our contemporary society, in the contemporary Asian present, and in the premodern Asian past. The course readings span classical (C), medieval (M), and modern (MN) periods; periods for readings are indicated on the schedule below.

The course is organized by beginning with the fundamental philosophical and ideological perspectives for studying East Asia, such as Confucianism, Legalism, Daoism, and Buddhism. This provides the tools to continue with study of materials that both broach essential questions of the human experience and occupy central positions in the contemporary cultural identity of East Asia. The instructors will provide context when necessary, but no previous familiarity with East Asian history or culture is expected.

Course Delivery

This course is a synchronous and hybrid traditional face-to-face and online class focused on the written and spoken exchange of ideas. Students will be engaged through class discussion with the instructors and with one another, as well as through weekly comments from the instructors and TA on their written work. Synchronous sessions are challenging and depend much on your active participation. To help you get the most out of our meetings, they will include lectures, discussions, and social and cooperative learning activities. **NOTE that ALL sections will be online during the first week of class, as will ALL Friday classes.** Everyone (*both* the traditional and virtual classrooms) is expected to attend virtual class in person with the video turned on. All students in the traditional classroom must wear a mask at all times (along with the instructor/s), and all students in the traditional classroom should have a computer, a microphone,

and earphones. For more on class etiquette in a ZOOM setting, see the “Netiquette Guide for Online Courses: LLC Edition” file on the Getting Started page of the course website.

The instructor leading discussion for each session is indicated on the schedule below. Assignments will be posted to the course website or distributed in class. See the section on “Graded Work” below for details. Students are expected to read the assigned material before class begins and be prepared to discuss it. Instructors will evaluate and provide feedback on all written assignments with respect to grammar, punctuation, clarity, coherence, and organization. The Writing Requirement (WR) ensures students both maintain their fluency in writing and use writing as a tool to facilitate learning. Course grades have two components. To receive writing requirement credit, a student must receive a grade of C or higher and a satisfactory completion of the writing component of the course.

Quest 1 / General Education Objectives and Student Learning Outcomes

Quest 1 Descriptions and Student Learning Outcomes

QUEST 1 DESCRIPTION: Quest 1 courses are multidisciplinary explorations of truly challenging questions about the human condition that are not easy to answer, but also not easy to ignore: What makes life worth living? What makes a society a fair one? How do we manage conflicts? Who are we in relation to other people or to the natural world? To grapple with the kinds of open-ended and complex intellectual challenges they will face as critical, creative, and self-reflective adults navigating a complex and interconnected world, Quest 1 students use the humanities approaches present in the course to mine works for evidence, create arguments, and articulate ideas.

QUEST 1 (Q1) SLOS: AT THE END OF A Q1 CLASS, STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO...

- Identify, describe, and explain the history, theories, and methodologies used to examine essential questions about the human condition within and across the arts and humanities disciplines incorporated into the course (Content).
- Analyze and evaluate essential questions about the human condition using established practices appropriate for the arts and humanities disciplines incorporated into the course (Critical Thinking).
- Develop and present clear and effective responses to essential questions in oral and written forms as appropriate to the relevant humanities disciplines incorporated into the course (Communication).
- Connect course content with critical reflection on their intellectual, personal, and professional development at UF and beyond (Connection).

General Education Designations and Student Learning Outcomes

HUMANITIES (H) DESCRIPTION: Humanities courses provide instruction in the history, key themes, principles, terminology, and theory or methodologies used within a humanities discipline or the humanities in general. Students will learn to identify and to analyze the key elements, biases and influences that shape thought. These courses emphasize clear and effective analysis and approach issues and problems from multiple perspectives.

HUMANITIES SLOS: AT THE END OF AN H CLASS, STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO...

- Identify, describe, and explain the history, underlying theory and methodologies used in the course (Content).
- Identify and analyze key elements, biases and influences that shape thought within the subject area. Approach issues and problems within the discipline from multiple perspectives (Critical Thinking).
- Communicate knowledge, thoughts and reasoning clearly and effectively (Communication).

INTERNATIONAL (N) DESCRIPTION: International courses promote the development of students' global and intercultural awareness. Students examine the cultural, economic, geographic, historical, political, and/or social experiences and processes that characterize the contemporary world, and thereby comprehend the trends, challenges, and opportunities that affect communities around the world. Students analyze and reflect on the ways in which cultural, economic, political, and/or social systems and beliefs mediate their own and other people's understanding of an increasingly connected world.

INTERNATIONAL SLOS: AT THE END OF AN N CLASS, STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO...

- Identify, describe, and explain the historical, cultural, economic, political, and/or social experiences and processes that characterize the contemporary world (Content).
- Analyze and reflect on the ways in which cultural, economic, political, and/or social systems and beliefs mediate understandings of an increasingly connected contemporary world (Critical Thinking).

Self and Society in East Asia Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment

Reflecting the curricular structures of Quest 1 and these Gen Ed designations, at the end of Self and Society in East Asia, students will be able to:

1. Identify, describe, and explain the history, underlying theory and methodologies in humanistic study of canonical East Asian texts and philosophies. As these works and ideas continue to be relevant in contemporary Asia, students will also be able to identify, describe, and explain their position in historical, cultural, economic, political, and social experiences and processes that characterize the contemporary world. These materials are especially important as carriers of contemporary cultural identity. As such, students will be able to identify, describe, and explain the history, theories, and methodologies used to examine essential questions about the human condition, especially the formation and maintenance of identities (**Content SLOs for Gen Ed H, N, and Q1**). These outcomes will be assessed through participation in classroom discussion, reading quizzes, one assigned analysis paper, posted reading responses, an extra-curricular review, and a final paper.
2. Identify and analyze key elements, biases and influences that shape thought in the East Asia and in the East Asian humanities. Students will approach issues and problems from the perspectives of multiple genres, as well as multiple subject positions. Students will assess these materials first on their own terms, and then, with instructor guidance and facilitated discussion, with cognizance of their own local positions, those of people in contemporary Asia, and those of historical Asia. As such, they will be able to analyze and reflect on the ways in which cultural, economic, political, and social systems and beliefs mediate understandings of an increasingly connected contemporary world. The juxtaposition of these positions will foster the analysis and evaluation of essential questions about the human condition, especially with respect to identity and personhood, both local and global, past and contemporary (**Critical Thinking SLOs for Gen Ed H, N, and Q1**). These outcomes will be assessed through participation in classroom discussion, one assigned analysis paper, an extra-curricular review, posted reading responses, and a final paper.
3. Communicate knowledge, thoughts, and reasoning, and develop and present clear and effective responses, about traditional East Asian philosophy, literature and culture and its relationships to the contemporary period clearly and effectively (**Communication SLO for Gen Ed H and Q1**). These outcomes will be assessed through participation in classroom discussion, one assigned analysis paper, an extra-curricular review, posted reading responses, and a final paper.
4. Analyze, evaluate, and critically reflect on connections between course content and their intellectual, personal, and professional development at UF and beyond as global citizens. The course introduces students to alternative approaches to personhood and identity, which will allow students to critically reflect on their own situation and connect to those outside of UF and the USA who may not

understand their selfhood in the same fashion (**Connection SLO for Q1**). These outcomes will be assessed through participation in classroom discussion, one assigned analysis paper, an extra-curricular review, and a final paper. TO SEE HOW ASSIGNMENT ADVANCES EACH SLO, SEE BELOW.

Required Textbooks

The required texts below are available at the campus bookstore or your favorite online retailer. All other readings will be provided via PDF on the course website in Canvas. Students are required to bring a copy of the day's assigned reading to every class. Failure to do so may result in loss of participation points. Students are expected to complete the reading assignment for each class **BEFORE** the class begins.

- *Readings in Classical Chinese Philosophy*, ed. Philip J. Ivanhoe & Bryan W. Van Norden (Hackett), 2nd ed.
- Robert van Gulik, *Judge Dee at Work: Eight Chinese Detective Stories* (University of Chicago Press, 1967)
- David Kherdian, *Monkey: A Journey to the West: A Retelling of the Chinese Folk Novel by Wu Ch'eng-en* (Boston: Shambhala, 1992)

Recommended Writing Style Manual:

- *The Chicago Manual of Style* (Seventeenth ed.). Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2017.

Graded Work

Regular class participation (Advances SLOs: 1,2,3,4) **(5%)**

Consistent informed, thoughtful, attentive, courteous, and professional engagement with class materials, fellow students, and instructor/TA in class. Participation will be assessed based on the following basic rubric: 5% for outstanding participation; 4% for regular participation; 3% for inconsistent participation; 2 or 1% for problematic preparation.

Reading quizzes (Advances SLO: 1) **(15%)**

7 reading quizzes will be given at random in class over the course of the semester. The lowest quiz score will be dropped. Each reading quiz covers readings due the day of the quiz and all of the readings since the last quiz (or from Week 1 Class 1). Most questions will be multiple-choice.

Weekly posting (Advances SLOs: 1,2,3) **(25%)**

15 response postings are due on Saturdays over the course of the semester, submitted to the "Discussions" section of the course website. At least one, if not more, suggested topics will be posted for students to respond to, but you may write on whatever you wish. Postings should be one to two paragraphs in length (**about 200 words**) and reflect a thoughtful engagement with the assigned reading. They will be graded on a five-point scale as follows:

- 0 - No posting submitted.
- 1 - Posting is "very poor," i.e., extremely short and of low quality
- 2 - Posting has missed the main points of the reading/is too short/ is poorly written
- 3 - Posting is acceptable. Demonstrates some understanding of some of the reading, but also major misunderstandings with unclear writing.
- 4 - Posting is good. Addresses the main points of the text and expresses them reasonably well.
- 5 - Posting is excellent. Understands the main points of the text, addresses the topic thoughtfully, and expresses its points eloquently.

Please note that writing longer postings does not guarantee any extra points. **The score of the lowest two postings will be dropped.** Late postings will be deducted one point per day from the due date. The posting is due by midnight Saturday.

Mid-term paper (1000 words) (Advances SLOs: 1,2,3,4) **(20%)**

Students are encouraged to consult the instructors and/or TA concerning the contents of their paper. Instructions for submission and prompt will be provided on the course website. Students may use APA, Chicago, or MLA format and style, so long as they are consistent within the assignment. Submissions should be uploaded as PDF or Word files by the posted deadline. Paper will be graded according to the writing rubric at the end of this document. This paper will count for 1,000 words towards the UF Writing Requirement pending a grade of “C” or better in the course. **Due March 13.**

Prompt: Compare one of the readings from this course with one from outside the course. The comparison may be of philosophical works (for example, Xunzi vs. Hobbes) or of literary ones (for example, *Tale of Genji* vs. *The Crown*). You have a wide latitude for selecting your comparison; consult with instructors in case of doubt. The paper should explain why the two works interpret a shared issue or problem (human nature, fidelity, etc) differently and why that distinction is important to understanding the overall meaning of each work.

Extra-curricular review (Advances SLOs: 1,2,3,4) **(10%)**

Students are expected to write one review (~300 words) of an Asia-related academic event on or off campus or in recent popular culture. Events are provided on the course website. Students should *briefly* summarize the contents of the talk, exhibit, or film and explain how it intersects with one or two concepts discussed in class. Please cite at least one material read for class. The review should be submitted to the course website. **Due April 17.**

Final Paper (Advances SLOs: 1,2,3,4) **(25%)**

1000-1500 words. Instructions for submission and prompt will be provided on the course website. Students may use APA, Chicago, or MLA format and style, so long as they are consistent within the assignment. Submissions should be uploaded as PDF or Word files by the posted deadline. Paper will be graded according to the writing rubric at the end of this document. This paper will count for 1,000 words towards the UF Writing Requirement pending a grade of “C” or better in the course. **Due April 24.**

Prompt: Analyze one of the literary texts from this semester by applying the philosophical perspectives from the first few weeks of the semester. How do the ideologies, such as Confucianism, Daoism, or Buddhism, function within the text you have chosen, and how is this perspective important to grasping the text’s overall meaning?

Grading Schedule

Final grades will be assigned according to the percentages below:

A	93% and above	A-	90% and above		
B +	87% and above	B	83% and above	B-	80% and above
C+	77% and above	C	73% and above	C-	70% and above
D	67% and above	D	63% and above	D-	60% and above
F	Less than 60%				

More information on grades and grading policies is here:
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Class Attendance and Makeup Policy

Class attendance is expected. Excused absences are consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog as noted below:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

Late work will receive a 10% deduction per 24-hour period that passes until it is submitted.

Accommodations

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Evaluations

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

Classroom Demeanor

Students are expected to arrive to class on time and behave in a manner that is respectful to the instructor and to fellow students. Please avoid the use of cell phones and restrict eating to outside of class time. Opinions held by other students should be respected in discussion, and conversations that do not contribute to the discussion should be held at minimum, if at all. Note that all students in the traditional classroom setting must wear masks at all times and must come to class with a working computer, earphones, and a microphone.

Materials and Supplies Fee

There are no additional fees for this course.

University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor.

University Wellness Schedule

Contact information for the Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Writing Studio

The writing studio is committed to helping University of Florida students meet their academic and professional goals by becoming better writers. Visit the writing studio online at <http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/> or in 302 Tigert Hall for one-on-one consultations and workshops.

COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK 1: Kongzi and the Ideal Person

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Summary: The course begins with the teachings of Kongzi (Confucius), whose ideas have profoundly influenced notions of self, society, and humanity in East Asia. This week we set the foundation for the course by examining his own words and what he thought it meant to be a person. Discussion will focus on contrasting Kongzi's vision for society and his notion of identity with our own and exploring the ways in which his legacy still affects our world.

Jan. 11 (C) – *Readings*, XI-XVII.

Jan. 13 (C) – *Readings*, 1-28.

Jan. 15 (C) – *Readings*, 28-54. **<Posting Due>**

WEEK 2: The Limits of Knowledge

SNK

Summary: Kongzi was never the only game in town. Philosophers in the Daoist tradition questioned how much we could really be sure about, and probed the limitations of our perceptions of reality. Compared to the Confucian perspectives in weeks 1 and 2, how do these works posit self and identity? What kind of lifestyle would this approach lead to, and is this a feasible vision of society? How might these principles be lived in our contemporary world?

Jan. 20 (C) – *Readings*, 161-203.

Jan. 22 (C) – *Readings*, 207-250. **<Posting Due>**

WEEK 3: Are people good? Can we make them good?

SNK

Summary: There are a few things Kongzi was not entirely clear about, namely human nature. This week we examine three different reactions to Kongzi's thought in order to flesh out the relationship between different views on human nature and how they determine strategies for controlling human behavior. Be prepared to take sides in discussion, and see if you can identify analogous positions in contemporary politics, whether in the US or your own country.

Jan. 25 (C) – *Readings*, 115-130, 137-142, 144-157.

Jan. 27 (C) – *Readings*, 255-266, 267-286, 298-306 (including ch. 27).

Jan. 29 (C) – *Readings*, 311-314, 317-332, 335-351. <Posting Due>

WEEK 4: Humanistic Ways of Knowing the World

Summary: This week, our readings make claims about the importance of two humanistic genres, historical writing and poetry. Our discussion will begin by identifying and connecting these claims to the positions on self and society that came up in previous weeks. But beyond that, can we make similar statements about the humanities in our own society? What is the relation between these genres and the societies in which they operate, and how is it changing?

Feb. 01 (C) –

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The Great Preface to the *Classic of Poetry* in Stephen Owen, *Readings in Chinese Literary Thought* (Cambridge MA 1992) pp. 38-49.

Selections from *Classic of Poetry*: Stephen Owen, *An Anthology of Chinese Literature: Beginnings to 1911*, pp. 30-32, 34-41, 48-51.

Feb. 03 (C) –

MF

Man'yōshū poems, *Kokin wakashū* preface and poems, *Traditional Japanese Literature*, Abridged Edition, ed. Haruo Shirane (available through Smathers Library as E-book, abbreviated below as *TJL*), pp. 37-59, 92-112.

Feb. 05 (C) –

SNK

Sources of Chinese Tradition, 2nd ed., eds. Wm. Theodore de Bary & Irene Bloom, v. 1, pp. 367-71. Owen, *Anthology*, pp. 135-45 (“Letter in Reply to Ren An,” and *Shiji* 61).

Shiji 82 “Biography of Tian Dan” (<http://classical-chinese.blogspot.com/2008/02/shiji-82-biography-of-tian-dan.html>).

Shiji 109 “The Biography of General Li Guang,” in *Records of the Grand Historian of China*, trans. B. Watson (Columbia University Press, 1971), vol. 2, pp. 117-28.

<Posting Due>

WEEK 5: Nondualism and the Self

MF

Summary: The arrival of Buddhism from India introduced one third way, along with Confucianism and Taoism, to understand self and identity. In Asia, these ideologies mixed together despite their differences, and today, many people subscribe to elements of all three, known as the “Three Teachings.” This week, we will work through a Buddhist holy text that preaches the fundamentals of nondualism. Discussion will focus on the points of conflict between Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism, and whether/how those tensions might be resolved.

Feb. 08 (C) – *Vimalakirti Sutra*, pp. 17-51.

Feb. 10 (C) – *Vimalakirti Sutra*, pp. 52-82.

Feb. 12 (C) – *Vimalakirti Sutra*, pp. 83-111. <Posting Due>

WEEK 6: The Role of the Artist

SNK

Summary: In Week 4, we discussed some possibilities for artistic expression, especially poetry, and their place in society. This week, we begin working with actual poems from the height of the Chinese tradition, which are still memorized by almost all children in China today as part of their early education. Do these works speak to the aspirations of Week 4? What aspects of Confucian, Taoist, and Buddhist thought resonate in these works, and what might they suggest about the intersection of artistic identity and societal ideology? How do these intersect in our contemporary society?

Feb. 15 (M) – Stephen Owen, *The Great Age of Chinese Poetry: The High Tang*, pp. 27-51: Wang Wei: “The Wang River Collection” (with Pauline Yu’s commentary), in Pauline Yu, *The Poetry of Wang Wei: New Translations and Commentary* (Indiana University Press, 1980), pp. 201-5; “When Living Quietly at Wang-chuan I Gave This to Pei Di” (Owen, *Anthology*, 390); “Villa on Zhongnan Mountain” (Owen, *Anthology*, p. 390); “Answering Magistrate Zhang” (Owen, *Anthology*, pp. 390-91).

Feb. 17 (M) – Stephen Owen, *The Great Age of Chinese Poetry: The High Tang*, pp. 109-43: Li Bo: “Drinking Alone by Moonlight” (Owen, *Anthology*, 403), “Summer Day in the Mountains” (Owen, *Anthology*, p. 404), “Rising Drunk on a Spring Day, Telling My Intent” (Owen, *Anthology*, p. 404), “Bring in the Wine” (Owen, *Anthology*, pp. 284-85), “Dialogue in the Mountains” (Owen, *Anthology*, p. 403).

Feb. 19 (M) – Stephen Owen, *The Great Age of Chinese Poetry: The High Tang*, pp. 183-224: Du Fu: “A Song of My Care When Going from the Capital to Fengxian” (Owen, *Anthology*, pp. 417-20), “The View in Spring” (Owen, *Anthology*, p. 420), “Lament by the River” (Owen, *Anthology*, pp. 422-23), “Qiang Village” Nos. 1 and 3 (Owen, *Anthology*, pp. 423-24), “Bending River” (Owen, *Anthology*, p. 424), “Recruiting Officer of Shih-hao” (Victor Mair, ed., *The Columbia Anthology of Traditional Chinese Literature*, p. 214).
<Posting Due>

WEEK 7: The Role of Fiction

MF

Summary: This week introduces the first fiction in the course and what is often called the first novel in world history. However, none of the ideological traditions we have encountered so far explicitly supported this genre, and at the time, it was quite novel. Why do you think it might have been written, and what societal reactions might you envision? How does the work differ from modern fiction, and are those differences related to differences in ideas of self, society, and identity? Now this work serves as the cornerstone of Japanese cultural identity; are there elements of national identity in the original work?

Feb. 22 (C) – *Tale of Genji*, pp. 293-330.

Feb. 24 (C) – *Tale of Genji*, pp. 330-359.

Feb. 26 (C) – *Tale of Genji*, pp. 359-395. <Posting Due>

WEEK 8: Narrating the Self, Performing Identity

MF

Summary: Perhaps no genre of writing is more individualistic than the diary. This week, we will read three deeply personal reflections, and compare actual lives to the idealized depictions seen in the fiction of Week 7. Note that these diaries were clearly written to be read by others; how would you compare their contents and attitudes to contemporary social media? Do we have identities apart from what we perform?

Mar. 01 (C) – *The Pillow Book*, pp. 139-160.

Mar. 03 (C) – *Diary of Lady Murasaki*, pp. 38-66.

Mar. 05 (C) – *An Account of a Ten-Foot-Square Hut, Tales of Awakening*, pp. 312-328. <Posting Due>

WEEK 9: History and Memory in the Epic

MF

Summary: In Week 4, we discussed the ideal role of history writing and its relation to societal ideals. This week, we take up an epic retelling of a historical war and the samurai who participated in it. The major figures in the work assume larger-than-life characteristics, and in discussion, we will compare their “heroic individualism” with the models for identity and personhood encountered elsewhere, for example Kongzi’s ideal scholar-official. *Heike* also entails a decent amount of romanticization and exaggeration. What might these modifications to history achieve, both for people when the work was composed, and for those who see it as part of their cultural identity in the present?

Mar. 08 (M) – *Tales of the Heike*, pp. 704-724.

Mar. 10 (M) – *Tales of the Heike*, pp. 724-746.

Mar. 12 (M) – *Tales of the Heike*, pp. 746-777. <Posting Due>

<March 13 Mid-term Paper Due >

WEEK 10: Traditional Literature and Adaptation

MF

Summary: This week, we encounter some later dramatic adaptations of episodes from Weeks 7 and 10. What differences can you detect between the versions, and how do they affect the overall message of the text? What might they suggest about the target audience of these performances? In our own society, adaptations and sequels constitute most of box office revenue, from *Godzilla* to *The Avengers*. What might our adaptations reveal about us?

Mar. 15 (M) – *Aoi no Ue*, pp. 924-936; *Atsumori*, pp. 980-991.

Mar. 17 (MN) – *The Love Suicides at Amijima*, pp. 313-347.

Mar. 19 (MN) – *Tale of Seijuro from Himeiji*, pp. 55-76. <Posting Due>

WEEK 11: Ideological Conflict

MF

Summary: While ideological problems lurked in the background of *Genji* in Week 7, in the *Nine Cloud Dream*, the clear contradiction between the Confucian value of social relations and Buddhist lack of human attachments is the primary driver of the plot. What position do you think the author is advocating, and how does it reflect the role of fiction discussed in Week 7? Does this kind of negotiation suggest possibilities for handling ideological conflict in contemporary society, or do the differences in identity and personhood make the conceptual distance too great?

Mar. 22 (MN) – *The Nine Cloud Dream*, pp. 1-53.

Mar. 24 (MN) – **NO CLASS MEETING** (Recharge Day)

Mar. 26 (MN) – *The Nine Cloud Dream*, pp. 55-110. <Posting Due>

WEEK 12: Layers of Identity

SNK

Summary: This week repeats the general plot of Weeks 7 and 12, with a dashing male protagonist in *The Story of the Stone*, the greatest Chinese novel, living a charmed love life, but instead of a fictional court lady or monk as the narrator, we have an semi-autobiographical tribute. How might these differences in narrator identity affect the impact and style of the text, both from the perspective of a historical reader, and from that of a contemporary one?

Mar. 29 (MN) – David Hawkes, tr., *The Story of the Stone: A Chinese Novel in Five Volumes*, v. 1, chs. 1-2, pp. 47-83.

Mar. 31 (MN) – *The Story of the Stone*, v. 1, chs. 3-4, pp. 84-123.

Apr. 02 (MN) – *The Story of the Stone*, v. 1, chs. 5-6, pp. 124-166 + appendix 527-34. <Posting Due>

WEEK 13: Self, Society, and National Identity

MF

Summary: Tragedy strikes this week as our heroine Thúy Kiều is called to sacrifice herself again and again, suffering far more in her love story than the male protagonists of Weeks 7, 12, and 13. Is the individual in Asia destined to be crushed by obligation, and why has her story gone so differently than the other love tales encountered this semester? The poem is regarded as the National Epic of Vietnam, but what rationale could there be for elevating this work in particular, and how can a work represent an entire people?

Apr. 05 (MN) – *The Tale of Kieu*, pp. 33-62.

Apr. 07 (MN) – *The Tale of Kieu*, pp. 63-100.

Apr. 09 (MN) – *The Tale of Kieu*, pp. 101-142. <Posting Due>

WEEK 14: Travel and Imagination

SNK

Summary: In the penultimate week of the course, we travel back through all three ideologies from the course, Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism, as Tripitaka journeys from China to India. His travel is an opportunity for us to review our own journey through the course and the issues surrounding identity construction and maintenance discussed in class. We will take this week as a final chance to reflect on the possibilities and intersections of self, culture, and society in our own world and others, and to use this comparison to clarify the consequences of our own subject positions.

Apr. 12 (MN) - David Kherdian, *Monkey: A Journey to the West: A Retelling of the Chinese Folk Novel by Wu Ch'eng-en* (Boston: Shambhala, 1992), pp. xii-ix, 1-73

Apr. 14 (MN) – Kherdian, *Monkey*, pp. 74-142.

Apr. 16 (MN) – Kherdian, *Monkey*, pp. 43-209. <Posting Due>

<Extra-curricular Report Due April 17>

WEEK 15: Rites and Rights

SNK

Summary: The reading this week is on criminal justice, but in a setting that does not operate on our traditional idea of individual rights. How does justice change when the fundamental expectation of the individual's role in society is different? What might this reveal about the assumptions of our own society's approach toward crime and incarceration?

Apr. 19 (MN) – *Judge Dee at Work: Eight Chinese Detective Stories* (#1, 3), pp. 1-19, 44-72.

Apr. 21 (MN) – *Judge Dee at Work: Eight Chinese Detective Stories* (#4, 5, 8), pp. 73-114, 163-73.
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SELF AND SOCIETY IN EAST ASIA – Classroom Discussion Rubric

Criteria	Weight	Exemplary	Effective	Minimal	Unsatisfactory
Level of Engagement	50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributes to class activities by offering quality ideas and asking appropriate questions on a regular basis <input type="checkbox"/> Actively engages others in class discussions by inviting their comments <input type="checkbox"/> Constructively challenges the accuracy and relevance of statements made <input type="checkbox"/> Effectively identifies and summarizes main points	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributes to class activities by offering ideas and asking questions on a regular basis <input type="checkbox"/> Often engages others in class discussions by inviting their comments <input type="checkbox"/> Challenges the accuracy and relevance of statements made <input type="checkbox"/> Identifies and summarizes main points	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally contributes to class activities by offering ideas and asking questions <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes engages others in class discussions <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes has an understanding of main points <input type="checkbox"/> Identifies and summarizes some of the main points	<input type="checkbox"/> Fails to contribute to class activities <input type="checkbox"/> Fails to invite comment/opinions from other students <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates little understanding of main points <input type="checkbox"/> Does not identify or summarize main points
Preparedness	25%	<input type="checkbox"/> Always prepared for class with assignments and required materials <input type="checkbox"/> Accurately expresses foundational knowledge pertaining to issues raised during the discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually prepared with assignments and required materials <input type="checkbox"/> Expresses basic foundational knowledge pertaining to class discussions	<input type="checkbox"/> Seldom prepared with assignments and required materials <input type="checkbox"/> Expresses limited foundational knowledge pertaining to class discussions	<input type="checkbox"/> Consistently unprepared for class <input type="checkbox"/> Expresses no relevant foundational knowledge
Attitude	25%	<input type="checkbox"/> Consistently positive, cooperative attitude during class <input type="checkbox"/> Always supportive of other students' ideas	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually positive and cooperative with classroom projects and discussions <input type="checkbox"/> Often supportive of other students' ideas	<input type="checkbox"/> Seldom actively participates in classroom projects and discussions <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes supportive of other students' ideas	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely if ever participates in classroom projects and discussions <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional disruptive behavior

Assignment Score _____ + Beyond/Bonus _____ = Final Score _____

SELF AND SOCIETY IN EAST ASIA – Paper Grading Rubric (Each category has equal weight for the final grade.)					
	Excellent (A)	Good (B)	Adequate (C)	Poor (D)	Failing (F)
Content	Significant controlling idea or assertion supported with concrete, substantial, and relevant evidence.	Controlling idea or assertion supported with concrete and relevant evidence.	Controlling idea or assertion general, limited, or obvious; some supporting evidence is repetitious, irrelevant, or sketchy.	Controlling idea or assertion too general, superficial, or vague; evidence insufficient because obvious, aimless, or contradictory.	No discernible idea or assertion controls the random or unexplained details that make up the body of the essay.
Organization and Coherence	Order reveals a sense of necessity, symmetry, and emphasis; paragraphs focused and coherent; logical transitions reinforce the progress of the analysis or argument. Introduction engages initial interest; conclusion supports without repeating.	Order reveals a sense of necessity and emphasis; paragraphs focused and coherent; logical transitions signal changes in direction; introduction engages initial interest; conclusion supports without merely repeating.	Order apparent but not consistently maintained; paragraphs focused and for the most part coherent; transitions functional but often obvious or monotonous. Introduction or conclusion may be mechanical rather than purposeful or insightful.	Order unclear or inappropriate, failing to emphasize central idea; paragraphs jumbled or underdeveloped; transitions unclear, inaccurate, or missing. Introduction merely describes what is to follow; conclusion merely repeats content.	Order and emphasis indiscernible; typographical rather than structural; transitions unclear, inaccurate, or missing. Neither the introduction nor the conclusion satisfies any clear rhetorical purpose.
Effectiveness	Always analyzes the evidence in support of the argument. Interpretation is insightful and persuasive, and displays depth of thought.	Usually analyzes the evidence in support of the argument. Interpretation is persuasive and occasionally insightful.	Sometimes analyzes the evidence in support of the argument. Interpretation is sometimes persuasive but rarely insightful.	Rarely analyzes the evidence in support of the argument. Interpretation may be implausible.	No analysis of evidence is present. Interpretation is either absent or absurd.
Style	Sentences varied, emphatic, and purposeful; diction fresh, precise, economical, and idiomatic; tone complements the subject, conveys the authorial persona, and suits the audience.	Sentences varied, emphatic, and purposeful; diction precise and idiomatic; tone fits the subject, persona, and audience.	Sentences competent but lack emphasis and variety; diction generally correct and idiomatic; tone acceptable for the subject.	Sentences lack necessary emphasis, subordination, and purpose; diction vague or unidiomatic; tone inconsistent with or inappropriate to the subject.	Incoherent, rudimentary, or redundant sentences thwart the meaning of the essay; diction nonstandard or unidiomatic; tone indiscernible or inappropriate to the subject.
Grammar and Punctuation	Grammar, syntax, punctuation, and spelling adhere to the conventions of “edited American English.”	Grammar, syntax, punctuation, and spelling contain no serious deviations from the conventions of “edited American English.”	Content undercut by some deviations from the conventions of “edited American English.”	Frequent mistakes in grammar, syntax, punctuation, and spelling obscure content.	Frequent and serious mistakes in grammar, syntax, punctuation, and spelling make the content unintelligible

