

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Division of Humanities

HUMA5830 Confucianism: Contemporary Period

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Course Description:

The Contemporary New Confucianism has become an outstanding branch of thought in modern Chinese philosophy. This course aims to have a critical study of the philosophies of some representative thinkers of Contemporary New Confucianism. They include Xiong Shili, Tang Junyi, Mou Zongsan and Xu Fuguan. Excerpts of their representative works will be read, presented, interpreted and discussed in classes.

Intended Learning Outcomes:

On completion of the course, students will: 1. have basic knowledge of the philosophies of the representative thinkers of Contemporary New Confucianism that enables them to have further research on the subject; 2. be familiar with the primary and secondary sources on the topic they have chosen for their term paper; 3. acquire basic technique in giving an oral academic presentation and writing an academic paper; 4. be able to evaluate and apply the philosophies they have learnt to reflect upon their own lives, behavior and the problems of Chinese culture.

Tentative Schedule of Seminars:

Week 1 Introduction: The Background of Contemporary New Confucianism

〈中國文化與世界〉

Week 2 Xiong Shili 熊十力：儒學本體論

Week 3 熊十力：儒學方法論

Week 4 熊十力：中西印文化的比較與反思

Week 5 Tang Junyi 唐君毅：形上哲學

Week 6 唐君毅：人生哲學與道德哲學

Week 7 唐君毅：文化哲學

Week 8 Mou Zongsan 牟宗三：道德的形上學

Week 9 牟宗三：儒學的學術發展及其使命

Week 10 牟宗三：中國文化之檢討

Week 11 Xu Fuguan 徐復觀：文化、傳統、現代化與中國文化的基本特點

Week 12 徐復觀：儒家精神的現代疏釋與中國道德境界的省思

Week 13 徐復觀：中國藝術精神與中國知識份子的歷史性格及其歷史命運

Assessment:

1. Attendance and participation in discussion 15%
2. Presentation 25%
3. Paper 60%

Basic Text:

方克立、李錦全主編. 《現代新儒家學案》.三冊. 北京：中國社會科學出版社，1995。