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Governing Matters: From Ancient China to Modern Western Countries (HUMS3310)

Introduction

A whole new academic programme sponsored by the Jockey Club “Gifted in Bloom – Harmony in Heart & Mind” Programme shifting the focuses from “cognitive (knowledge)” to “affective (sensitivity, reflection, understanding, appreciation, expression, self-exploring, moral values, etc.)” aspect is now open for application! We hope that you will become knowledgeable as well as sensible, to feel other people’s feeling, to sense other people’s emotion, and step into others’ shoes, becoming a person with “empathetic understanding” skills! And finally, we hope you can locate yourself in the amazing world and project your visions to a greater future!

“Governing” is probably one of the biggest problems throughout the human history which there are so many great thinkers and governors who have tried so hard to fully understand and master the skills but none of them has proven undoubted success. And it is also true that “politic” doesn’t simply imply relationships among ethnic groups, organisations and nations, but also exist in numerous private relationships, it has the power to ruin everything and everyone literally. In this course, you will get yourself familiarised with the concepts “governance”, “power”, “society”, “country”, “government”, “rights”, “justice”, etc. through the case study of ancient China to modern Western countries with different governing styles. If you are interested in “fairness” and “justice”, “revolution” and “political participation”, “civil citizens” and “people”, “republican” and “democratic society”, and always thinking of become an important person to bring huge positive changes to the future world, you are guaranteed to have an opportunity to do some explorations in this course!

Programme Type / Level

Applied Philosophy (Level 3) ([Token-required](#))

Instructor(s)

Mr YEUNG Chun Keung
(A PhD candidate in Chinese Philosophy (Pre-Qin Period) at New Asia Institute of Advanced Chinese Studies)

Target Participants



- S2 to S4 HKAGE student members
- Class size: 20
- Students should be able to make commitment, be responsible to oneself as well as to the world, and willing to discuss, elaborate, present their in-depth thoughts.

Medium of Instruction



Cantonese with Chinese handouts

Certificate



Certificate will be awarded to participants who have:

- ❖ Attended **at least 6 sessions**; **AND**
- ❖ Completed all the assignments with satisfactory performance

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Intended Learning Outcomes



Upon completion of the programme, participants should be able to:

1. Have an understanding of the features and development of political philosophy and its practices in Ancient China and Modern Western countries;
2. Further their ability to analyse and evaluate different governing models, the philosophy behind and its effectiveness;
3. Develop their cognitive needs to academic research and affective needs in locating themselves in the future society;
4. Develop their flair in philosophical thinking and academic writing.

Screening



Please answer the screening question in the online application form.

*The screening question is designed to help the applicant understand the course level and the course content. The question must be answered by the student applicant and it can only be attempted once. The answer cannot be changed once the application is submitted. Selection is based on students' performance in answering the question. **Only students who can demonstrate motivation and passionate to applied philosophy in the screening question can be enrolled in the programme.**

Application Deadline 12 November 2018

Application Result Release Date 21 November 2018

If student members withdraw from the programme after the Application Deadline, the token will be deducted.

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Schedule




| Session | Date | Time | Content | Venue |
|---------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|
| 1 | 15 (Sat) December 2018 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction: Components and Constitution of a Country (Sovereignty, Government, People, Land, Councils, Courts, etc.) ● “Policy” and “Governance” in ancient China | HKAGE Room 105 |
| 2 | 22 (Sat) December 2018 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sovereignty: “Heaven’s Wills” and “Legitimacy (of governing power)” ● “Heaven’s Wills” in ancient China ● “Divine Rights of Kings” and “Election” | HKAGE Room 403 |
| 3 | 27 (Thu) December 2018 | 9 am to 12 nn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Government (I): Political System ● Role of a Country: “Night-watcher” and “Omnipotence” ● Type of Governments: “Constitutional Monarchy” and “Republican Government” ● Governmental Operations: “Parental Guidance” and “People’s Autonomy” | 人 文 學 科 |
| 4 | 29 (Sat) December 2018 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Government (II): Political Philosophy ● Virtues: Confucius and Plato ● Rules: Fa-jai and Totalitarianism ● Autonomy: Taoism and Liberalism | HKAGE Room 303 |

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| 5 | 5 (Sat) January 2019 | 9 am to 12 nn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● People: Political Participation and Revolution ● “Democracy” and “Human Rights” ● “Civil Society” and “Revolution” | Room 29, Buddhist Kok Kwong Secondary School |
| 6 | 12 (Sat) January 2019 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Land: Military and Diplomacy ● Comparative studies of ancient China and modern Western countries | |
| 7 | 19 (Sat) January 2019 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rule of Law in modern society ● The “essence” of Law ● The “core values” of “rule of law” ● “Fairness” and “Justice” | |
| 8 | 26 (Sat) January 2019 | | Conclusion: Evaluating the governing models of ancient China and modern Western countries, thinking how and what should we do in the modern world | |

Students will be separated into 4 groups of 5 and carry out an independent research project on governing models, concepts of powers, concepts of countries / nations, and ideal political situation in the 1st session. From 5th session onwards, students will comment on others’ presentation. All students are required to submit an academic research essay with about 1,500 words in Chinese after the course, details will be announced in class.

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