

The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Department of Cultural and Religious Studies
CURE 2142 Religion and Ethics
2023-2024 First Term

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Classroom: LSK 302

Lecture Class: Thur 11:30AM - 12:15PM

Tutorial Class: Thur 12:30PM- 14:15PM

1. Course Description

The first part of this course explores the foundation of Religious Ethics, and three major approaches to ethical decision, i.e. Virtue Ethics, Utilitarianism and Deontology. The second part is designed to explore the roles of religion in different ethical issues of today such as gender, sexuality, family, economics, work and environmental protection. Precisely, this course aims at facilitating students to think more critically about human responsibilities to the society and the world.

2. Learning Outcomes

After completion of the course, students are able to:

- ♦ understand the foundations of religious ethics, and the major approaches to ethical judgment;
- ♦ understand different religious worldviews lead to different ethical judgments on various social issues of the day;
- ♦ reflect at least one social issue with their life experiences and express their own ideas by developing perspectives from different cultural and religious sources;
- ♦ construct ethical and thoughtful responses to the cultural and religious perspectives on the ethical issues of human, social and global development;
- ♦ apply the knowledge in the course to interpret the ethical issues in the modern cultural context.

Course Work and Assessment Ratio

1 Tutorial : 35%

2 Term Paper : 65%

Tutorial and Presentation:

- 1) 5-6 students a group. Each group has 40 minutes for presentation.
- 2) All students must attend all tutorial sections and join the discussion.
- 3) **Guidelines for the coursework will be provided in due course.*

Term Paper (65%)

Students are required to submit a term paper.

Essay Length: 2500-3500 words.

Papers will be graded according to its content, focus of argument, discussion, and academic referencing style. The main objective of this reflection paper is to have students familiarize themselves with the original source materials and the extensive literature available on this topic.

Papers should be handed in both hard and soft copy via VeriGuide before 11.55 pm on 8 Dec (Thur), 2023. Late submission will be penalized: 10 marks will be deducted for one day of late submission. Submission after 10 days will be given a zero mark.

Facility for Posting Course Announcements

- Related course materials are delivered via the platform **“BLACKBOARD”** (<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/eLearning/>)

Academic honesty and plagiarism

- Students must submit their papers in **soft copy via VeriGuide**. Relevant information on academic honesty and plagiarism can be allocated at: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty>.
- When you use other writer's ideas or findings, you are advised to represent them in your own words. Simply copying of full sentences or parts of sentences from the source article is not allowed.

Course Schedule (課程大綱)

Week One (7 Sep):

- 1) 課程大綱及要求之說明
- 2) 道德的本質—道德原則

Readings:

Ring, et. al., “Ethical Action: Norms for Moral Conduct,” in Introduction to the Study of Religion (97-113).

J.C. van der Kooij, D.J. de Ruyter and S. Miedema, “Worldview: The Meaning of the Concept and the Impact on Religious

Education,” *Religious Education* 2013: 108(2), 210-228
(<https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/4f96/7401d22ae7fc62cbfe562f96ff4eac357b75.pdf>)

Week Two (14 Sep): 宗教倫理學的基礎：世界觀、信念、價值

Readings:

羅秉祥(2000) 〈論道德與宗教之分離——兼試論西方“啟蒙工程”之得失〉載

於羅秉祥、趙敦華編，《基督教與近代中西文化》（北京：北京大學出版社，2000），頁 63—92。

<https://rel.hkbu.edu.hk/tc/research/centre-for-sino-christian-studies/publications-and-research-projects/christianity-and-east-west-cultures-4>

釋昭慧(2002)〈宗教倫理學的基本原理與中層原則——以基督宗教與佛教為主軸的一個探索〉收於《法光學壇》第六期，頁 1-36。

<https://buddhism.lib.ntu.edu.tw/FULLTEXT/JR-AN/an354177.pdf>

Week Three (21 Sep): 道德判斷 (1) --倫理的三大基本理論之 1) 效益論；2) 義務論
Readings:

R. Hursthouse, (1996) 'Normative Virtue Ethics', in Crisp (ed.) How Should One Live.

K Gray, C Schein, "Two minds vs. two philosophies: Mind perception defines morality and dissolves the debate between deontology and utilitarianism," Review of Philosophy and Psychology, 2012.

羅炳祥，〈效益主義的思考方法〉載於《生死男女---選擇你的價值取向》（香港：突破出版社，1994。頁 34-49。

Week Four (28 Sep): 道德判斷 (2)--倫理的三大基本理論之 3) 德行論
Readings:

R. Hursthouse, (1996) 'Normative Virtue Ethics', in Crisp (ed.) How Should One Live.

K Gray, C Schein, "Two minds vs. two philosophies: Mind perception defines morality and dissolves the debate between deontology and utilitarianism," Review of Philosophy and Psychology, 2012.

Week Five (5 Oct): 多元主義

Readings:

業露華(2000)〈從《佛說善生經》看佛教的家庭倫理觀〉載於《中華佛學學報》第 13 期 (2000.05)，頁 69-82。 <http://ccbs.ntu.edu.tw/FULLTEXT/JR-BJ001/93575.htm>

"Comparative Philosophy: Chinese and Western," Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/comparphil-chiwes/#3>)

羅秉祥(2005)〈自由多元社會的道德底線--基督教社會倫理與反性傾向歧視立法〉

Week Six (12 Oct): 性、性別婚姻 (不同宗教的看法)

Readings:

"Religions on Sexuality and Marriage," Comparative Religious Ethics: Everyday Decisions for Our Everyday Lives, chapter 5.

宮哲兵(2005)〈早期基督教與漢晉道教的性倫理觀比較〉載於《中國性科學》14.1: 1-4.

葉敬德(2006)〈海倫·奧本海默夫人的婚姻倫理〉載於《道風：基督教文化評

論》第 24 期, pp.235-264

(https://www.iscs.org.hk/Template/Shared/Books/PreviewFile/LPJ024/LPJ024_14.pdf)

葉敬德(2000)〈王明道的婚姻理論〉載於羅秉祥、趙敦華編，《基督教與近代中西文化》（北京：北京大學出版社），頁 118 — 194。

(<https://rel.hkbu.edu.hk/tc/research/centre-for-sino-christian-studies/publications-and-research-projects/christianity-and-modern-east-west-cultures-06>)

Week Seven (19 Oct): 家庭倫理（不同宗教的看法）

Readings:

“Religions on Sexuality and Marriage,” Comparative Religious Ethics: Everyday Decisions for Our Everyday Lives, chapter 5.

宮哲兵(2005)〈早期基督教與漢晉道教的性倫理觀比較〉載於《中國性科學》14.1: 1-4.

業露華(2000)〈從《佛說善生經》看佛教的家庭倫理觀〉載於《中華佛學學報》第 13 期 (2000.05)，頁 69-82。 <http://ccbs.ntu.edu.tw/FULLTEXT/JR-BJ001/93575.htm>

關啟文(2004)〈全球化趨勢中的家庭與基督教倫理〉載於《基督宗教研究》，頁 267-294。 (<http://194.246.119.58/pdfs/CNKI/CJFD/JDJJ200400018.pdf>)

Week Eight (26 Oct): Mid Term: Term Paper Presentation Preparation

Tasks: Fix a particular study issue, draft the outline the study questions, list the related references

Week Nine (2 Nov): 墮胎（不同宗教的看法）

Readings:

Bojana Pinter, “Religion and family planning,” The European Journal of Contraception and Reproductive Health Care 21(6) 2016:1-10.

溫明麗，〈從基因倫理孕育的教育觀重見臺灣社會價值〉線上查閱：

https://tpl.ncl.edu.tw/NclService/pdfdownload?filePath=IV8OirTfssIWcCxlpLbUfvtkl6y56mns1Sj3kQwbepHWI4iLYe_uOEbw9UWP4zvb&imgType=Bn5sH4BGpJw=&key=tEvo_kgLambD8ETQI1m3sTKAc4hKWLhzQqZTwtPXXml eVVU9OyINO4qBZJhLTxWd&xmlId=0005709187

徐嘉鄉〈基因篩檢下的墮胎議題與佛教倫理爭議〉線上查閱：
<https://www.lama.com.tw/content/msg/discussDetail.aspx?id=5762>

Week Ten (9 Nov): Congregation

Week Eleven (16 Nov):

同性戀之討論（佛教與基督宗教的不同看法）

Readings:

Jose Ignacio Cabezon, "Homosexuality and Buddhism," in *Homosexuality and World Religions*, ed. Arlene Swidler, pp. 81-102.

Denise and John Carmody, "Homosexuality and Roman Catholicism," *Homosexuality and World Religions*, ed. Arlene Swidler, 135-148.

Marvin Ellison, "Homosexuality and Protestantism," *Homosexuality and World Religions*, ed. Arlene Swidler, 149-190.

Week Twelve(23 Nov): 生命倫理學 (安樂死及其他)

Readings:

艾立勤(1999)〈天主教生命倫理觀的基本視域〉載於《神學講集》頁 479-507。 . <http://archive.hsscol.org.hk/Archive/periodical/ct/CT122C.pdf>

孫效智〈安樂死的倫理反省〉載於《國立臺灣大學文史哲學報》1996 <http://www.christianstudy.com/data/pastoral/euthanas04.htm>

釋慧開〈從人間佛教生死達觀析論[安樂死]之不當〉載於《人間佛教高峰論壇輯五：人間佛教的社會向》2019，頁 355-384。 <https://buddhism.lib.ntu.edu.tw/FULLTEXT/JR-MAG/mag582314.pdf>

溫金柯，〈當代台灣佛教界對死刑之態度的考察〉 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LGY06jkRpU>

Week Thirteen (30 Nov): 環境倫理

Readings:

Lynn White, "The Historical Roots of Our Ecologic Crisis," *Science* 155 (1967) 1203–1207.

Donald Swearer, "Buddhism and Ecology: Challenge and Promise," <http://fore.yale.edu/religion/buddhism/>

Donald K. Swearer, "Principles and Poetry, Places and Stories: The Resources of Buddhist Ecology," *Daedalus*, Vol. 130, No. 4, *Religion and Ecology: Can the Climate Change?* (Fall, 2001), pp.225-241.

楊冠政(2002)〈環境倫理—環境教育的終極目標〉載於《環境教育學刊》創刊號 (<http://utaieir.lib.utaiepi.edu.tw/dspace/bitstream/987654321/3720/1/1-1.pdf>)

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- 賴品超編. *基督宗教及儒家對談生命與倫理*. 香港: 香港中文大學崇基學院宗教與中國社會研究中心, 2002.
- *魏澤民編. *全球倫理與宗教文化*. 台北: 財團法人世界宗教博物館發展基金會附設出版社, 2003.
- 龔立人. *糾纏的靈性: 倫理、社會與宗教*. 香港: 香港基督徒學會, 2006.
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