Round and Square  
_Negotiating “Reality” in (East Asian) Cultural History_  

_History 310_  
_Autumn 2005_  
_Tuesdays 7:00-11:00_

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**Office Hours**  
_Tuesday_ 3:00-4:00  
_Thursday_ 11:00-1:00  
...or by appointment.

**Required Books**

- Cassirer, Ernst. *Kant’s Life and Thought*
- Cavell, Stanley. *Must We Mean What We Say?*
- Durkheim, Emile. *The Division of Labor in Society.*
- Freud, Sigmund. *Civilization and its Discontents.*
- Kant, Immanuel. *Critique of Pure Reason*
- Marx, Karl. *Capital (Volume One)*
- Putnam, Hilary. *Realism with a Human Face.*
- Simmel, Georg. *On Individuality and Social Forms.*
- Hacker, Diana. *A Pocket Style Manual.* (Required in all history courses)

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A common conception among Chinese thinkers is that heaven is round and earth is square, and that the merging of the two creates a sense of wholeness in the universe. In this seminar, we will discuss the multi-faceted ways in which historians and anthropologists engage seemingly opposed concepts such as “ideal” and “real,” and many related categories. These concepts often lie unexamined in scholarly works, and can create enormous interpretive challenges for readers. For example, historical primers have traditionally encouraged students to “separate the wheat from the chaff” in their source materials, yet such seemingly sound advice is fraught with difficulties that affect arguments about historical action, intention, causation, and significance. We will focus, in particular, on a number of key historical texts that have been used by Chinese, Japanese, and Western interpreters as theoretical foundations for their own historical writing. By examining the manner in which historians have used their own primary sources, we will learn a great deal about historical methodology and the philosophy of history, and develop new paradigms for negotiating the complex terrain of the “ideal” and “real.”

This seminar is intended to introduce key philosophical concepts through the weekly readings and discussions, so that students have the conceptual tools to analyze a work of historiography or ethnography on their own. Each student will choose one such work (topical
papers are possible, but they should be discussed with the professor before embarking upon them) and spend the term analyzing it in detail. Students are strongly encouraged to choose a works that they have already studied, so that they can begin analyzing them immediately, rather than spending time getting to know the authors’ arguments. Students will write a seminar paper at the end of the term which contains their analyses of the works they have chosen. The term will end with formal presentations in early December.

Evaluation
Logs and discussion notes 10%
Preliminary assignments 20%
Final Presentations 20%
Seminar Paper 50%

Class attendance and participation is expected. More than one absence will significantly affect your grade. Late assignments will be penalized.

All coursework is due on December 9, 2005.

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Week I (August 30)
Blackburn, *Truth: A Guide*
Faith, Belief and Reason
Man the Measure
Ishmael’s Problem and the Delights of Keeping Quiet
Nietzsche: the Arch Debunker
The Possibility of Philosophy
Observation and Truth: From Locke to Rorty
Realism as Science; Realism about Science
Historians and Others

Week II (September 6)
Cassirer, *Kant’s Life and Thought*
Youth and Education
The Early Years and the Beginnings of Kantian Philosophy
The Construction and Central Problems of the *Critique of Pure Reason*
First Fruits of the Critical Philosophy…
The Growth and Structure of Critical Ethics
The Critique of Judgment
Last Works, Last Battles…

Week III (September 15)
Auerbach, *Mimesis*
Odysseus’ Scar
Fortunata
The Arrest of Peter Valvomeres
Sicharius and Chramnesindus
Roland Against Ganelon
The Knight Sets Forth
Adam and Eve
Farinata and Cavalcante
Frate Alberto
Madame Du Chastel
The World in Pantagruel’s Mouth
L’Humaine Condition
The Weary Prince
The Enchanted Dulcinea
The Faux Dévot
The Interrupted Supper
Miller the Musician
In the Hôtel de la Mole
Germinie Lacerteux
The Brown Stocking

**300-word “book choice” for final projects due Wednesday, September 14th at 5:00 p.m.**

**Week IV** (September 20)
Complete reading of your final “book choice” for final projects.

**Week V** (September 27)
Rorty, *Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature*

*Part One: Our Glassy Essence*
- The Invention of the Mind
- Persons Without Minds

*Part Two: Mirroring*
- The Idea of a “Theory of Knowledge”
- Privileged Representations
- Epistemological and Empirical Psychology
- Epistemology and Philosophy of Language

*Part Three: Philosophy*
- From Epistemology to Hermeneutics
- Philosophy Without Mirrors

**Week VI** (October 4)
Putnam, *Realism with a Human Face*

*Part I. Metaphysics*
- Realism With a Human Face
- A Defense of Internal Realism
- After Empiricism
- Is Water Necessarily H₂O?
- Is the Causal Structure of the Physical Itself Something Physical?
- Truth and Convention
- Why Is a Philosopher?
- The Craving for Objectivity

*Part II. Ethics and Aesthetics*
- Beyond the Fact/Value Dichotomy
- The Pace of Facts in a World of Values
- Objectivity and the Science/Ethics Distinction
- How Not to Solve Ethical Problems
- Taking Rules Seriously
- Scientific Liberty and Scientific License
- Is There a Fact of the Matter about Fiction?

*Part III. Studies in American Philosophy*
- William James’s Ideas
- James’s Theory of Perception
Peirce the Logician
The Way the World Is
The Greatest Logical Positivist
Meaning Holism
Nelson Goodman’s Fact, Fiction, and Forecast

**Week VII** (October 11)

**Bateson, Steps to An Ecology of Mind**

*Part I: Metalogues*
- Why Do Things Get in a Muddle
- Why Do Frenchmen?
- About Games and Being Serious
- How Much Do You Know?
- Why Do Things Have Outlines?
- Why is a Swan?
- What Is an Instinct?

*Part II: Form and Pattern in Anthropology*
- Culture Contact and Schismogenesis
- Experiments in Thinking About Observed Ethnological Material
- Morale and National Character
- Bali: The Value System of a Steady State
- Style, Grace, and Information in Primitive Art
- Comment on Part II

*Part III: Form and Pathology in Relationship*
- Social Planning and the Concept of Deutero-Learning
- A Theory of Play and Fantasy
- Epidemiology of a Schizophrenia
- Toward a Theory of Schizophrenia
- The Group Dynamics of Schizophrenia
- Minimal Requirements for a Theory of Schizophrenia
- Double Bind, 1969
- The Logical Categories of Learning and Communication
- The Cybernetics of “Self”: A Theory of Alcoholism
- Comment on Part III

*Part IV: Biology and Evolution*
- On Empty-Headedness among Biologists and State Boards of Education
- The Role of Somatic Change in Evolution
- Problems of Cetacean and Other Mammalian Communication
- A Re-examination of “Bateson’s Rule”
- Comments on Part IV

*Part V: Epistemology and Ecology*
- Cybernetic Explanation
- Redundancy and Coding
- Conscious Purpose on Human Adaptation
- Form, Substance and Difference
- Comment on Part V

*Part VI: Crisis in the Ecology of Mind*
- From Versailles to Cybernetics
- Pathologies of Epistemology
- The Roots of Ecological Crisis
- Ecology and Flexibility in Urban Civilization

“Brainstorming” assignment due Friday, October 14th at 5:00 p.m.

**Week VIII** (October 18) — Autumn Break
Week IX (October 27) — Note: Thursday Meeting

Marx, *Capital*

**Part I. The Process of Production of Capital**
- The Commodity
- The Process of Exchange
- Money, or the Circulation of Commodities

**Part II. The Transformation of Money into Capital**
- The General Formula for Capital
- Contradictions in the General Formula
- The Sale and Purchase of Labor Power

**Part III. The Production of Absolute Surplus-Value**
- The Labor Process and the Valorization Process
- Constant Capital and Variable Capital
- The Rate of Surplus-Value
- The Working Day
- The Rate and Mass of Surplus-Value

**Part IV. The Production of Surplus Value**
- The Concept of Relative Surplus-Value
- Cooperation
- The Division of Labor and Manufacture
- Machinery and Large-Scale Industry
- Absolute and Relative Surplus-Value

**Part V. The Production of Absolute and Relative Surplus-Value**
- Absolute and Relative Surplus-Value
- Changes of Magnitude in the Price of Labor-Power and in Surplus-Value
- Different Formulae for the Rate of Surplus-Value

**Part VI. Wages**
- The Transformation of the Value (and Respectively the Price) of Labor Power into Wages
- Time-Wages
- Piece-Wages
- National Differences in Wages

**Part VII. The Process of Accumulation of Capital**
- Simple Reproduction
- The Transformation of Surplus-Value into Capital
- The General Law of Capitalist Accumulation

**Part VIII. So-called Primitive Accumulation**
- The Secret of Primitive Accumulation
- The Expropriation of the Agricultural Population from the Land
- Bloody Legislation against the Expropriated since the End of the Fifteenth Century
- The Genesis of the Capitalist Farmer
- Impact of the Agricultural Revolution on Industry
- The Genesis of the Industrial Capitalist
- The Historical Tendency of Capitalist Accumulation
- The Modern Theory of Colonization

Appendix: Results of the Immediate Process of Production

2,000-word proposal and bibliography due Friday, October 28th at 5:00 p.m.

Week X (November 1)

Simmel, *On Individuality and Social Forms*

**I. Philosophy of the Social Sciences**
- How is History Possible?
- How is Society Possible?
- The Problem of Sociology
- The Categories of Human Experience

**II. Forms of Social Interaction**
- Exchange
Conflict
Domination
Prostitution
Sociability

III. Social Types
The Stranger
The Poor
The Miser and the Spendthrift
The Adventurer
The Nobility

IV. Forms of Individuality
Freedom and the Individual
Subjective Culture
Eros, Platonic and Modern

V. Individuality and Social Structure
Group Expansion and the Development of Individuality
Fashion
The Metropolis and Mental Life
Subordination and Personal Fulfillment

VI. Forms Versus Life Process: The Dialectics of Change
Social Forms and Inner Needs
The Transcendental Character of Life
The Conflict in Modern Culture

Week XI (November 8)
Weber, The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism
Book I: The Problem
Religious Affiliation and Social Stratification
The Spirit of Capitalism
Luther’s Conception of the Calling

Book II: The Practical Ethics of the Ascetic Branches of Protestantism
The Religious Foundations of Worldly Asceticism
Asceticism and the Spirit of Capitalism

Week XII (November 15)
Durkheim, The Division of Labor in Society
Book I. The Function of the Division of Labor
The Method of Determining This Function
Mechanical Solidarity, or Solidarity by Similarities
Solidarity Arising from the Division of Labor, or Organic Solidarity
Another Proof of the Preceding Theory
The Increasing Preponderance of Organic Solidarity and its Consequences
Organic Solidarity and Contractual Solidarity

Book II. The Causes and Conditions
The Progress of the Division of Labor and of Happiness
The Causes
Secondary Factors
Consequences of the Foregoing

Book III. Abnormal Forms
The Anomic Division of Labor
The Forced Division of Labor
Another Abnormal Form

Conclusion
**Week XIII** (November 22)
Veblen, *The Theory of the Leisure Class*
- Preface
- Introductory
- Pecuniary Emulation
- Conspicuous Leisure
- Conspicuous Consumption
- The Pecuniary Standard of Living
- Pecuniary Canons of Taste
- Dress as an Expression of Pecuniary Culture

**Week XIV** (November 29)
Mead, *Mind, Self, and Society*

I. The Point of View of Social Behaviorism
- Social Psychology and Behaviorism
- The Behavioristic Significance of Attitudes
- The Behavioristic Significance of Gestures
- The Rise of Parallelism in Psychology
- Parallelism and the Ambiguity of “Consciousness”
- The Program of Behaviorism

II. Mind
- Wundt and the Concept of the Gesture
- Imitation and the Origin of Language
- The Vocal Gesture and the Significant Symbol
- Thought, Communication, and the Significant Symbol
- Meaning
- Universality
- The Nature of Reflective Intelligence
- Behaviorism, Watsonism, and Reflection
- Mind and the Symbol
- The Relation of Mind to Response and Environment

III. The Self
- The Self and the Organism
- The Background of the Genesis of the Self
- Play, the Game, and the Generalized Other
- The Self and the Subjective
- The “I” and the “Me”
- Social Attitudes and the Physical World
- Mind as the Individual Importation of the Social Process
- The Social Creativity of the Emergent Self
- A Contrast of Individualistic and Social Theories of the Self

IV. Society
- The Basis of Human Society: Man and the Insects
- The Basis of Human Society: Man and the Vertebrates
- Organism, Community, and Environment
- The Social Foundations and Functions of Thought and Communication
- The Community and the Institution
- The Fusion of the “I” and the “Me” in Social Activities
- Democracy and Universality in Society
- Further Consideration of Religious and Economic Attitudes
- The Nature of Sympathy
- Conflict and Integration
- The Functions of Personality and Reason in Social Organization
- Obstacles and Promises in the Development of the Ideal Society
- Summary and Conclusion

*Supplementary Essays*
The Function of Imagery in Conduct
The Biologic Individual
The Self and the Process of Reflection
Fragments on Ethics

3,000-word “lead” due Friday, December 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

Week XV (December 6)
Freud, Civilization and Its Discontents

Seminar papers due Friday, December 9th at 5:00 p.m.

Week XVI (December 13)
Presentations

All Late Work Due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9th
No exceptions (see my “late paper” policy).

Immanuel Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason
(Independent Study)
Credit arranged with instructor

Week IV (September 13)
Kant, Critique of Pure Reason: 91-152
Motto
Dedication
Preface (First Edition)
Preface (Second Edition)
Table of Contents (First Edition)
Introduction (First Edition)
Introduction (Second Edition)

Week V (September 20)
Kant, Critique of Pure Reason: 153-200
I. Transcendental Doctrine of Elements
First Part. Transcendental Aesthetic (First Edition)
First Part. Transcendental Aesthetic (Second Edition)
Second Part. Transcendental Logic

Week VI (September 27)
Kant, Critique of Pure Reason: 201-266
Division One. Transcendental Analytic
Book I. Analytic of Concepts
Chapter I. On the Clue to the Discovery of All Pure Concepts of Understanding
Chapter II. On the Deduction of the Pure Concepts of the Understanding

Week VII (October 4)
Kant, Critique of Pure Reason: 267-337
Division One. Transcendental Analytic (con’t)
Book II. Analytic of Principles
Introduction. On the Transcendental Power of Judgment in General
Chapter I. On the Schematism of Pure Concepts of the Understanding
Chapter II. System of All Principles of Pure Understanding
Week V (October 11)
Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*: 338-383

**Division One. Transcendental Analytic (con’t)**
Book II. Analytic of Principles (con’t)
Chapter III. On the Ground of the Distinction of All Objects…(First Edition)
Chapter III. On the Ground of the Distinction of All Objects…(Second Edition)

Week IX (October 27) — Note Thursday meeting
Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*: 384-458

**Division Two. Transcendental Dialectic**
Introduction.
Book I. On the Concepts of Pure Reason
Book II. The Dialectical Inferences of Pure Reason
   Chapter I. The Paralogisms of Pure Reason (First Edition)
   Chapter I. The Paralogisms of Pure Reason (Second Edition)

Week X (November 1)
Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*: 459-550

**Division Two. Transcendental Dialectic (con’t)**
Book II. The Dialectical Inferences of Pure Reason (con’t)
   Chapter II. The Antinomy of Pure Reason

Week XI (November 8)
Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*: 551-623

**Division Two. Transcendental Dialectic (con’t)**
Book II. The Dialectical Inferences of Pure Reason (con’t)
   Chapter III. The Ideal of Pure Reason
   Appendix to the Transcendental Dialectic

Week XII (November 15)
Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*: 627-704

**II. Transcendental Doctrine of Method**
Introduction.
Chapter I. The Discipline of Pure Reason
Chapter II. The Canon of Pure Reason
Chapter III. The Architectonic of Pure Reason
Chapter IV. The History of Pure Reason

Week XIII (November 22)
Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*: 91-200

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