Course Description:

The Purpose of this course is to provide interested students with an analytical introduction to the long and rich tradition of East Asian political thought. Topics will include the paradox of proper order; the problem of moral markets, the and the lasting legacies of East Asian thought.

Grades consist of one take-home midterm (40%) and one take-home final (60%). All students are welcome.

Readings:

Weeks 1 – 3:

Yao, Confucianism – entire
W.T. de Bary, Sources of Chinese Tradition – Translations of Confucius and Mencius. (Xun-Zi, optional)

Weeks 4 – 5:

de Bary, Vol I – From Part 4 – the Confucian Revival in the Song: selections on
--the Cheng Brothers (from p. 598 and p. 601)
--Zhu Xi (p. 661)
--selections from Wang Yangming (p. 842)