COURSE DETAIL

MOHISM
Country Hong Kong
Host Institution University of Hong Kong
Program(s) University of Hong Kong
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Philosophy
UCEAP Course Number 107
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title MOHISM
UCEAP Transcript Title MOHISM
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description
The Mohists were the first Chinese philosophers to attempt to develop systematic ethical and political theories and arguments. They came to advocate a Way that, they thought, best promoted benefit and reduced harm. It called for an end to warfare, inclusive moral attitudes, moderation in social expenditure, a rejection of traditional ritual extravagance, and conformity in moral judgment. In defending this Way, the Mohists developed a philosophical vocabulary that became fundamental to early Chinese philosophy. This course examines Mohist writings and some Confucian and Daoist responses to them. Course topics include: the role of government and the justification of political authority; the integration of particular relationships within universalist moral frameworks; the demands of ethics, especially of ethical or political views according to which the current state of things is massively unjust; the nature of consequentialism; and Mohist ideas about language, knowledge, and argument.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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