COURSE DETAIL

CULTURAL HISTORY OF CHINA

Country Hong Kong

Host Institution Chinese University of Hong Kong

Program(s) Chinese University of Hong Kong

UCEAP Course Level Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s) History Chinese

UCEAP Course Number

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title CULTURAL HISTORY OF CHINA

UCEAP Transcript Title CULTURAL HIST:CHINA

UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50

UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This course uses a multi-disciplinary approach to study Chinese cultural history through philosophical, socio-political, and economic processes of rationalization. The focus is on the moments of paradigm shift from one mode of rationality to another. For each of these moments, cultural facts and artifacts of thought, literature, ritual, are examined in relationship to changing social, political, and economic systems. Topics vary and this semester covers the periods of the Warring States (481-221 BCE) and the Six Dynasties (220-589 CE). The first laid the social and cultural foundations for the emergence of the imperial mode of rationality; the second saw the Buddhist conquest of China and the emergence of a rationality defined by the opposition of the Three Teachings to shamanism, that is, of a clear contrast between elite and popular culture.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number CHES3105

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

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Chinese Studies

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