



LITTLE STORIES IN PHILOSOPHY – ANOTHER DOOR OPENED TO PHILOSOPHY

(E2PHI002C)

Introduction	<p>Philosophy is the study of life reflection, closely related to our lives. Philosophical discussions help us understand the world and the self so that we can adopt a more reasonable attitude to master our lives.</p> <p>To be rigorous and accurate, most philosophical theories involve complex and difficult arguments to understand. To such a degree, ordinary people find it discouraging to explore philosophy. In fact, good philosophers can often explain intractable philosophical problems with interesting, and easy-to-understand stories and thought experiments.</p> <p>This course aims to arouse students' interest in understanding and thinking about philosophical issues by discussing intriguing stories and thought experiments put forward by prominent contemporary philosophers. In the end, they can reflect on what they have learned and established their own views on life.</p>
Programme Type / Level	Special Topics in Philosophy Course (Level II) (Token-required)
Instructor(s)	Dr LEE King Hang, Roger (PhD in Philosophy, the Chinese University of Hong Kong)
Pre-requisite	No special prerequisites are needed
Target Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ S1 to S3 HKAGE student members only in 2020/21 school year➤ Class size: 40
Medium of Instruction	Cantonese with Chinese handouts
Certificate	<p>E-Certificate will be awarded to participants who have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Attended at least 5 sessions; AND❖ Completed all the assignments with satisfactory performance
Intended Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the programme, participants should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. understand philosophical theories and thoughts and their application in daily life through in-depth discussion, interesting stories and thought experiments;2. arouse students' interest to explore different philosophical problems in life such as morality, social justice, freedom and self-identity;3. understand the underlying meanings of little stories created by profound philosophers such as Plato, John Rawls, Sartre and Zhuangzi;4. develop philosophical thinking and writing to enhance students' academic writing ability;5. reflect and establish students' view of life.

Application Procedure

This programme is Programmes with No Screening

There are no screening questions, written test or other screening methods for this type of programmes.

- Student members can select up to 5 programmes from a list of selection. Applicants have to state the priority when submitting the application. (1st priority, 2nd priority, 3rd priority, etc). 1 token is required for each programme
(For programme list, please refer to the issue 21 of Gifted Gateway ([click here](#)));
- The application can only be submitted once. After submission of the application, the programme selection and the priority cannot be changed;
- If a student member removes a programme from the application before the application deadline by withdrawal, the choice priority will remain unchanged. (For example: A student has selected three programmes and removed the programme with the 1st priority from the application. The choices of 2nd and 3rd priority will remain unchanged with no promotion in priority);
- We will select the students based on the student's choice of priorities and a randomly generated selection by the computer system. If there is time clash between the applied programme and other programmes with offer, HKAGE will consider if the application will be accepted;
- Student members should avoid applying programmes with time clash;
- The decision of HKAGE on the result of selection should be final.

Application Deadline

23 Apr 2021 12:00 n.n

Application Result Release Date

30 Apr 2021

If student members withdraw from the programme after the Application Deadline, the token will be deducted.

Schedule

Session	Date	Time	Content	Venue
1	3 Jul	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Plato: The trial of Socrates – <i>What is Philosophy?</i>	Classroom 27, Buddhist Kok Kwong Secondary School ¹
2	10 Jul	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Zhuangzi: “Kunpeng” and “Gigantic Tree” – <i>What is an ideal life?</i>	
3	17 Jul	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Peter Singer: The drowning child – <i>Help someone is a favor or duty?</i>	
4	24 Jul	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	John Rawls and Robert Nozick: “Veil of ignorance” and “Basketball star” – <i>Does property redistribution justify according to fairness principle?</i>	
5	31 Jul	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Derek Parfit: Teleporter – <i>How to distinguish someone is the same person?</i>	
6	14 Aug	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Jean Paul Sartre: “Young people in World War II” – <i>Are we free?</i>	

¹Sha Kok Estate, Shatin ([Map](#))

Enquiries

For enquiries, please contact Academic Programme Development Division on 3940 0101 After language selection, press "1".