

The Cultivated City

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Course Description	<p>Contemporary Asia is in the midst of the fastest and largest process of urbanization in human history. Alongside the dynamism of the region's hyperdense cities, however, are alarming levels of air pollution, recurrent stories of toxic food, contaminated waterways, and rising sea levels. Issues surrounding a sustainable urban ecology have thus become paramount in the construction of Asia's urban future.</p> <p>This class explores this future by examining the idea of cultivation. It does so by investigating a range of material, including the urban garden traditions of the Jiangnan region, the Buddhascapes of the modern city, Taoist inner alchemy, and New Confucian thought. This conceptual analysis is then used as a basis for researching the urban ecology of Shanghai, both as a past and future city.</p> <p>Cultivated City combines theory with practice. Students will use the tools of interactive media (audio, video and cartographic technologies) to research, map and narrativize the ways in which architects, designers, artists and intellectuals engage with the traditions of cultivation in order to imagine and recreate the future metropolis.</p>
Grading Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15% Participation• 15% Midterm• 15% Field Trip Responses• 25% Final Project• 10% Presentations• 5% Contribution to <i>Zaanheh</i> project• 15% Final Exam
Textbook Information	<p><u>Required:</u> Readings in Classical Chinese Philosophy, second edition</p> <p>All other readings available through NYU Classes</p>

Course Schedule

Week 1

9/5	<p>Readings:</p> <p>Harbsmeier, Christoph. "Towards A Conceptual History Of Some Concepts Of Nature In Classical Chinese: Zì Rán 自然 And Zì Rán Zhī Lǐ 自然之理." In <i>Concepts of Nature</i>, pp. 220–254. Brill, 2010.</p> <p>Nash, Roderick Frazier. 'Prologue' and 'Chapter 1'. In <i>Wilderness and the American Mind</i>. New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press, 2001.</p>
<i>Week 2</i>	
9/12	<p>Readings:</p> <p>Van Norden, Bryan W., trans. 'Mengzi (Mencius)'. In <i>Readings in Classical Chinese Philosophy</i>, Second Edition, 2., 111–55. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, 2005.</p> <p>Ivanhoe, Philip J., trans. 'Laozi (The Daodejing)',. In <i>Readings in Classical Chinese Philosophy</i>, Second Edition, 2., 157–201. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, 2005.</p> <p>Mou, Zongsan. 'Confucian Moral Metaphysics'. In <i>Late Works of Mou Zongsan: Selected Essays on Chinese Philosophy</i>, edited by Jason Clower. Brill, 2014.</p> <p>Recommended:</p> <p>Billioud, Sébastien. 'Self Cultivation'. In <i>Thinking Through Confucian Modernity: A Study of Mou Zongsan's Moral Metaphysics</i>. Brill, 2011.</p>
<i>Week 3</i>	
9/19	<p>Field Trip 1: <u>Aurora Museum & Confucius Temple</u></p> <p>Readings:</p> <p>Sponsel, L.E., and P. Natadecha-Sponsel. 'Environment and Nature in Buddhism'. In <i>Encyclopaedia of the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine in Non-Western Cultures</i>, edited by Helaine Selin. Dordrecht: Springer Netherlands, 2008.</p>
<i>Week 4</i>	

<p>9/26 (No class on next Wednesday, Oct 3. National Day Holiday.)</p>	<p>Readings:</p> <p>Foucault, Michel. 'Technologies of the Self and On the Genealogy of Ethics: An Overview of Work in Progress'. In <i>Ethics: Subjectivity and Truth</i>, edited by Paul Rabinow, 1st edition. New York: The New Press, 1998.</p> <p>Recommended:</p> <p>Davidson, Arnold I. 'Ethics as Ascetics: Foucault, the History of Ethics, and Ancient Thought'. In <i>The Cambridge Companion to Foucault</i>, edited by Gary Gutting, 2nd ed., 123–48. Cambridge Companions to Philosophy. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.</p>
<p>Week 5</p>	
<p>10/10</p>	<p>Midterm</p>
<p>Week 6</p>	
<p>10/17</p>	<p>Readings:</p> <p>Weller, Robert P. <i>Discovering Nature: Globalization and Environmental Culture in China and Taiwan</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006. (ebook available from the library https://getit.library.nyu.edu/go/9459189)</p>
<p>Week 7</p>	
<p>10/24</p>	<p>Field Trip 2: Zuibaichi Garden</p> <p>Reading: Bryant, Shelly. 'Zuibaichi'. In <i>The Classical Gardens of Shanghai</i>, 1st edition. Hong Kong University Press, 2016.</p>
<p>Week 8</p>	
<p>10/31</p>	<p>Readings:</p> <p>Weller, Robert P. <i>Discovering Nature: Globalization and Environmental Culture in China and Taiwan</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.</p> <p>Clunas, Craig. "Nature and ideology in western descriptions of the Chinese garden." <i>Extrême-Orient Extrême-Occident</i> (2000): 153-166.</p>
<p>Week 9</p>	
<p>11/7</p>	<p>Project Workshop</p>
<p>Week 10</p>	

11/14	<p>Reading:</p> <p>Farquhar, Judith, and Qicheng Zhang. "Biopolitical Beijing: Pleasure, sovereignty, and self-cultivation in China's capital." <i>Cultural Anthropology</i> 20, no. 3 (2005): 303-327.</p> <p>Palmer, David A. "Modernity and millennialism in China: Qigong and the birth of Falun Gong." <i>Asian Anthropology</i> 2, no. 1 (2003): 79-109.</p> <p>Recommended:</p> <p>Lufrano, Richard John. <i>Honorable Merchants: Commerce and Self-Cultivation in Late Imperial China</i>. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1997.</p> <p>Video: Summoning the Recluse</p>
<i>Week 11</i>	
11/21	<p>Reading:</p> <p>Valussi, Elena. "Female Alchemy Transformation of a Gendered Body". In <i>Gendering Chinese Religion: Subject, Identity, and Body</i>, edited by Jinhua Jia, Xiaofei Kang, and Ping Yao, Reprint edition. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2015.</p> <p>Haraway, Donna J. <i>When Species Meet</i>. Illustrated edition. Minneapolis: Univ Of Minnesota Press, 2007.</p> <p>Berkeley Events. <i>Donna Haraway: 'From Cyborgs to Companion Species'</i>, 2011. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9gis7-Jads.</p>
<i>Week 12</i>	
11/28	Make up Field Trip: Zaanheh Project
<i>Week 13</i>	
12/5	Presentations
<i>Week 14</i>	
12/12	Conclusion
	<p>Final Exam week from Dec 17 to Dec 21</p> <p>Final Exam dates are set by the University and will not be changed.</p>