

**Global Perspectives on Society**  
**CCFS-SHU 101L**  
**Fall 2023**

**WHERE DO WE COME FROM?**  
**COSMOLOGY**

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09/04 Genesis, chapters 1-9 .....20

09/06 *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, chapters 2-5 .....30

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**COMMUNITY**

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09/13 “Crito” by Plato .....56

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directed by David Thacker

09/20 **Guest Lecture: Professor Lena Scheen**

Introduction to Zhou Shou-juan's 'We Shall Meet Again'  
and Two Denunciations of this Type of Story" by Perry Link .....80

“We Shall Meet Again” by Zhou Shou-juan;  
translation by Perry Link .....82

“People Who Insult People” by Ye Sheng-tao;  
translation by Perry Link .....86

“A Literature of Blood and Tears” by Zheng Zhen-duo;  
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