

Philosophy 120 / Spring 2023
COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY:
Theory & Practice

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[weekly asynchronous online sessions]

This course as given in Spring 2023 is an “advanced” introduction to comparative philosophy as *a general way of doing philosophy through cross-tradition engagement toward world philosophy*. It inquires into how distinct approaches/resources from different philosophical traditions (distinguished culturally or by style/orientation) can talk to and learn from each other and make joint contributions to the development of philosophy on a range of jointly concerned issues.

This course consists of two parts: (1) “theory” part: to examine some closely related fundamental theoretic and methodological issues on how cross-tradition engagement in philosophy is possible. (2) “practice” part: to analyze several representative sample cases of cross-tradition engagement of distinct approaches from some major philosophical traditions on some jointly concerned issues.

Prerequisite: 3 units of philosophy or upper division standing.

Texts:

- Tim Connolly: *Doing Philosophy Comparatively* (Bloomsbury, 2015 paperback ISBN: 978-1780938394)
- Bo Mou: *Cross-Tradition Engagement in Philosophy: A Constructive-Engagement Account* (Routledge, 2022 paperback ISBN: 978-1032336466)