

通識核心課程 95（一）課程大綱

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科目中文名稱	當代科學文明			教室			
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一、 課程說明：

本課程的目的在於從哲學的角度來理解「科學」到底是什麼東西。從哲學的角度來理解科學，有別於從歷史的角度、心理學的角度、或是社會學的角度來進行的理解。我們發問的問題並不是像「Einstein 之所以能夠構作出狹義相對論，是否受到了他第一任妻子的啟發？」也不是像「為何 Newton 不親自與 Leibniz 論戰，而要透過 Clarke 的代筆？」或是諸如「為何史達林統治下的蘇聯生物學家拒絕接受 Mendel 的遺傳學？」等等的問題。從哲學的角度來探討科學究竟為何，所提出的問題是：科學家在進行思考推理時，所仰賴的推論方式為何？當科學家給出一個現象的說明時，這樣的說明是如何進行的？科學果真得以揭露隱於經驗現象背後的實在嗎？科學知識是普遍必然成立的知識嗎？後繼的理論一定比先前的理論更好或更真嗎？如何檢驗科學理論是否成立？如何評判科學理論的優劣？時間與空間究竟是什麼樣的一種東西？它們能獨立於物體和事件而存在嗎？我們的世界究竟是決定論式的還是非決定論式的？那適屬於科學所處理的生成變動現象究竟如何可能？鑒於上述這些哲學問題在探討時或有過度抽象之虞，本課程在設計時，設法進到具體的歷史脈絡當中，以那些對於當代科學文明之塑造有著重大影響的科學家、科學學派的思想為題材，不僅反省有關科學的哲學問題，同時也突顯該思想當中所蘊含的哲學意義。

簡言之，本課程旨在以哲學議題作為討論主軸，兼以探討塑造當代科學文明的重要思想傳承，以自然思想之經典作為閱讀材料，目的在於提供一套反省科學文明之特色的基本架構，也同時希望與當代議題做密切關連，期望同學們未來能夠獨立地對現代科技生活做更進一步的反思。

二、 指定用書：

無

三、 參考書籍：

1. 相關科學家或科學學派之經典著作。（作為同學們進一步深入研讀的參考，並不要求同學們仔細研讀）

2. 相關自然哲學家或科學哲學家的著作。(作為同學們進一步深入研讀的參考，並不要求同學們仔細研讀)
3. 上課時所發放的講義。

四、 教學方式：

講演與討論。

分組報告、期中考和期末考。

五、 教學進度：

1. 感官所見的生成變動現象如何可能？——伊利亞學派的挑戰和希臘原子論的回應

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2. 亞里斯多德如何說明變動的現象？——「形質論」、「潛能實現說」與亞里斯多德的宇宙論

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Aristotle, *On Generation and Corruption*, I : (3)-(4).

Jonathan Barnes, *The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle*, Ch. 5, pp. 140-167.

3. 科學推論和科學說明如何進行？——亞里斯多德的科學方法論

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4. 科學旨在保全現象或是揭露實在？——從希臘的天文學到哥白尼的日心地動說

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Pierre Duhem, *To Save the Phenomena. An Essay on the Idea of Physical Theory from Plato to Copernicus*

Goddu, A., 1990, "The Realism that Duhem Rejected in Copernicus," *Syntheses* 83, pp. 310-315.

5. 科學進展的方式是連續的還是斷裂的？科學典範彼此之間是不可共量的嗎？——伽利略與近代科學的興起

Galileo Galilei, *Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems, Ptolemaic and Copernican*. University of California Press, 1967.

Thomas S. Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. University of Chicago Press, 1996, Ch. 9, 10, 11.

Drake, "Physics and Tradition before Galileo" in ,Ch. 1.

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13. 上帝玩骰子嗎？當沒有人在看時，月亮還在那裡嗎？——量子力學的衝擊：決定論或非決定論？有獨立於觀察之外的客觀實在嗎？

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