Indian Philosophy and Religion

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Place: West 2-308

This course includes three parts: a) the intellectual history of Indian Brahmanism (orthodox) and its main thought; b) the development of Indian Buddhism and its central idea of each stage, as well as its interaction with Brahmanism; and c) the effect of Indian philosophy and religion to China, Japan, and other East Asian communities. By introducing the basic concepts, history, and philosophical system of Indian philosophy and religion, including Buddhism, as well as by learning primary Sanskrit, this course tries to get students to understand the diversity of Indian philosophy and religion and its essential position in the world map of philosophy.

Syllabus

1. Introduction

2. Introduction to Sanskrit

3. Indian Philosophy 1: Sāṃkhya and Yoga

4. Indian Philosophy 2: Nyāya and Vaiśeṣika

5. Indian Philosophy 3: Vedānta and Mīmāṃsā

6. Problems of ancient Indian Religion and Philosophy (discussion)

7. Introduction to non-orthodox Indian Philosophy

8. Early Buddhism: History and thoughts

9. Abhidharma Buddhism: Literature and System

10. Indian Mahāyāna Buddhism 1: Emptiness and Madhyamaka

11. Indian Mahāyāna Buddhism 2: Mind-only school

12. Indian Mahāyāna Buddhism 3: Buddhist logic

13. Tantrism and Hinduism

14. The spread and influence of Indian Buddhism in East Asia

15. Discussing the intellectual characteristics of Indian Buddhism (discussion)

16. Summary and Review（lecture and discussion）