MA CULTURAL ASTRONOMY AND ASTROLOGY
Foundations in Cultural Astrology and Astronomy Module HPCA7015

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2024 Timetable: Readings for Discussion

Seminar	Topic	Readings for discussion in seminars
Orientation **4 pm** Monday 7 October 2024		PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK: Eagleton, Terry. 'Versions of Culture.' Chap. 1 In *The Idea of Culture*, 1-31. Oxford: Blackwell, 2000. Go to online library E-Book search and type in 'Terry Eagleton'. You can then read this online.
Seminar 1 4 pm Monday 14 October, 2024	Culture and Cosmos	**Having read the chapter in Eagleton above,** consider your concepts of culture and be prepared to discuss your personal encounters in this seminar. PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK: Plato's *Timaeus*
Seminar 2 4 pm Monday 21 October, 2024	Philosophy: Soul, Psyche and the Classical Cosmos	**PLATO'S TIMAEUS: 27-44** We will be focusing on Timaeus' discussion on how the origin of the cosmos, particularly on how the World Soul was created. You can access the LOEB edition through the UWTSD online library: You can, if you wish, read all of the *Timaeus*. For the discussion we are focusing on **Sections 27-44. (pp.46-100)** OR there are two good versions if you wish to buy this: • Plato, *Timaeus*, trans. R.G.Bury, LCL 234. Cambridge Mass., London: Harvard University Press, 1931. • Plato. *Complete Works*. Edited by John Cooper, M. Indiana: Hackett Publishing Co. Inc., 1997. _____ PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK: Ptolemy's *Tetrabiblos*
Seminar 3 Monday 28 October 2024	Astrology and Culture	**CLAUDIUS PTOLEMY, *TETRABIBLOS*, BOOK 1, PARTS 1 and 2, pages 1-20.** You can access the LOEB edition through the UWTSD online library: Claudius Ptolemy, *Tetrabiblos*, trans. F.E. Robbins LOEB LCL 435 _____ PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK: Levy-Bruhl, *How Natives Think*
ESSAY 1 due Monday 4 November 2024		

Seminar 4 4 pm Monday 4 November, 2024	Cosmology and Culture	**LEVY BRUHL, *HOW NATIVES THINK.*** Lévy-Bruhl, Lucien, *How Natives Think*, Princeton: Princeton University Press 1985, Chapter 2 ('The Law of Participation'): _____ PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK: Clive Ruggles, 'Indigenous Astronomies'.
Monday 11 November, 2024		READING WEEK
Seminar 5 4 pm Monday 18 November, 2024	Astronomy and Culture	**CLIVE RUGGLES, 'INDIGENOUS ASTRONOMIES AND PROGRESS IN MODERN ASTRONOMY'** Clive Ruggles, 'Indigenous Astronomies and Progress in Modern Astronomy'. _____ PREPARE FOR NEXT SEMINAR: Daryn Lehoux, 'Tomorrow's News Today'.
Seminar 6 4 pm Monday 25 November, 2024	Fate and Freewill in the Cosmos	**LEHOUX, DARYN. 'TOMORROW'S NEWS TODAY'** Available through JSTOR. Lehoux, Daryn. 'Tomorrow's News Today: Astrology, Fate, and the Way Out.' Representations Summer (2006): 105-122.
ESSAY 2 due Thursday 28 November 2024		
Seminar 7 4 pm Monday 2 December 2024	Myth and Magic in the Cosmos	**NO STUDENT DISCUSSION THIS WEEK**
Seminar 9 4 pm Monday 9 December 2024	Cosmology and Culture in the Modern World	**NO STUDENT DISCUSSION THIS WEEK**

ESSAY 3 due Monday 6 January 2025