

MA CULTURAL ASTRONOMY AND ASTROLOGY
Introduction to Cultural Astrology and Astronomy Module
Feb-April 2017 Timetable: Readings for Discussion

Week	Topic	WebEx date	Readings for discussion in seminars
Week 1	Culture and Cosmos	4 pm Mon 13 February	TERRY EAGLETON – CHAPTER 1 – ‘VERSIONS OF CULTURE’ You will find this on Moodle under ‘Reading’ for Week 1:  How to find Terry Eagleton's 'The Idea of Culture' in the E-Book library.
Week 2	Philosophy: Soul, Psyche and the Classical Cosmos	4 pm Mon 20 February	PLATO’S TIMAEUS We will be focusing on Timaeus' discussion on how the origin of the cosmos, particular on how the World Soul was created. The full passages are 27-44. There are two good versions if you wish to buy this: - Plato, <i>Timaeus</i>, trans. R.G.Bury, Cambridge Mass., London: Harvard University Press, 1931. - Plato. <i>Complete Works</i>. Edited by John Cooper, M. Indiana: Hackett Publishing Co. Inc., 1997. You can also access this online: http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3Atext%3A1999.01.0180%3Atext%3DTim.%3Asection%3D19d
Week 3	Astrology and Culture	4 pm Mon 27 February	CLAUDIUS PTOLEMY, <i>TETRABIBLOS</i>, BOOK 1, CHAPTER 1. You will find this on Moodle under ‘Reading’ for Week 3: Claudius Ptolemy, <i>Tetrabiblos</i>, trans.J.M. Ashmand, London: Davis and Dickson (1822), book 1, chapter 1. http://www.astrologiamedieval.com/tabelas/Tetrabiblos.pdf OR Claudius Ptolemy, <i>Tetrabiblos</i>, trans. F.E. Robbins, Cambridge Mass., London: Harvard University Press, 1940. http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/Ptolemy/Tetrabiblos/home.html
Week 4	Cosmology and Culture	4 pm Mon 6 March	LEVY BRUHL, <i>HOW NATIVES THINK</i>. You will find this on Moodle under ‘Reading’ Week 4:  Lévi-Bruhl, Claude, <i>How Natives Think</i> , Princeton: Princeton University Press 1985, Chapter 2 ('The Law of Participation').
Week 5	Astronomy and Culture	4 pm Mon 13 March	CLIVE RUGGLES, ‘INDIGENOUS ASTRONOMIES AND PROGRESS IN MODERN ASTRONOMY’ You will find this on Moodle under ‘Reading’ Week 5:  Clive Ruggles, 'Indigenous Astronomies and Progress in Modern Astronomy'.

'Reading Week'	ESSAY WRITING	20 – 24 March 2017	Time to revise, finish, polish your first essay, and review the first five weeks of course material .
Week 6	Myth and Magic in the Cosmos	4 pm Mon 27 March	No essay discussion .
	ESSAY 1 DUE MONDAY 27 March 2017.		
Week 7	Fate and Freewill in the Cosmos	4 pm Mon 3 April	LEHOUX, DARYN. 'TOMORROW'S NEWS TODAY' You will find this on Moodle under ' Reading' Week 7 : Lehoux, Daryn. 'Tomorrow's News Today: Astrology, Fate, and the Way Out.' Representations Summer (2006): 105-122.
Week 8	Philosophy: The Modern World	4 pm Mon 10 April	No essay discussion Final round up and discussion.
	ESSAY 2 DUE MONDAY 24 April 2017.		