Faculty of Literature Department of Humanities

Studies of Philosophy and Religion Course



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No matter how much rapid progress civilization (technology) makes, the nobility in studying past culture (ways of living) to learn new things, nurture one's humanity and cultivate one's character will not change. How should we live as people? How should we live out our lives? What is "happiness?" There is no need to lose at life from the very outset. How does one win at life? What should one do to join the winner's circle? Learn the answers to these and many other questions through Chinese philosophy!

Specialization

Chinese philosophy

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I studied Chinese philosophy through China Studies at Taisho University's Faculty of Literature as a student of Professor Kozan Yasui (former President of Taisho University), who taught the Jodo Sect of Buddhism at the time. I research the relationship between the book of omens appended to Confucian Chinese classics, which was Mr. Yasui's area of specialization, and the abolishment of Buddhism in the Northern Wei dynasty. Furthermore, my works include "Koyo Chuso Yakuchu" (a joint translation; published in 2007 by Kyuko Shoin), "Chugoku Tetsugaku to Jodokyo no Kenkyu" (Research on Chinese Philosophy and Jodo Buddhism), and my research in graduate school on "The Analects of Confucianism" ("Rongo," Jusankyo Chusobon (A Book on Annotation and Interpretation of Learning Thirteen Classics) (Collection of Interpretations from Wei He Yan/Annotations and Interpretations by Song Kei Hei)). I hold discourse on the Hundred Schools of Thought, Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism in the history of Chinese philosophy.



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Japan as a tourism-oriented country has been heavily advocated in recent years. A greater number of people than ever before are likely to make their way to Japan. By encountering people with different lines of thinking, people can pick up on the idiosyncrasies of their own ways of thinking for the first time. The same can be said about university life. Take a subjective approach to your own "culture" through interacting with people with a different "culture" than your own.

Specialization

Religious studies, ethnology of religion

Brief explanation regarding specialization

What ideas have Japanese people had over time with regard to god, the soul, and life and death? I research how those ideas have transformed through modernization and other social shifts.

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Yoshiro TERADA 寺田 喜朗 Religious studies is an appealing discipline. By researching religion, you can gain various takeaways regarding the nature of humans, the origin of society, culture, and history. You will also make frequent findings on the wisdom and sentiments of our predecessors. Let's learn together in an enjoyable manner.

Specialization

Sociology of religion

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I specialize in communities and religion, new religion, life history, religious movement theory, religious organization theory, and globalization and religious culture.



Etsuo USUKI 臼木 悦生 "Things that are difficult," "things that are complex" and "things that are not understood" are all essentially different. If you carefully unravel the first two in order as if you were solving a puzzle ring, you are bound to see path to an answer. More than anything else, it is imperative that you have a posture of thinking things through to the end without giving up. Let's think through things together!

Specialization

Philosophy, social engineering

Brief explanation regarding specialization

I research the nature of communities, groups and organizations from a philosophical angle, and also take a philosophical approach to my pursuit of an answer to the question of how preexisting knowledge is to be applied to constantly-shifting modern-day issues.