

**Philosophy 120 / Spring 2025**  
**COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY:**  
**Theory & Practice**

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*[weekly asynchronous online sessions]*

This course as given in Spring 2025 is an “advanced” introduction to comparative philosophy as *a general way of doing philosophy through cross-tradition engagement toward world philosophy*. It inquires into how distinct approaches/resources from different philosophical traditions (distinguished culturally or by style/orientation) can talk to and understand, engage with (rather than passing by) and learn from (rather than dismissing) each other and make joint contributions to the development of philosophy on a range of jointly concerned issues.

This course consists of two parts: (1) “theory” part: to examine some closely related fundamental theoretic and methodological issues on how cross-tradition engagement in philosophy is possible. (2) “practice” part: to analyze several representative sample cases of cross-tradition engagement of distinct approaches from some major philosophical traditions on a range of jointly concerned issues/topics.

*Prerequisite:* 3 units of philosophy or upper division standing.

*Texts:*

- *Cross-Tradition Engagement in Philosophy: A Constructive-Engagement Account* by Bo Mou [Routledge, 2020 (2022 paperback), ISBN: 978-1032336466]
- Background intro: *Doing Philosophy Comparatively* by Tim Connolly: (Bloomsbury, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2023, paperback, ISBN: 978-1350177543)