

Course number		U-LAS00 10028 LE34					
Course title (and course title in English)		Philosophy of Nature I-E2 Philosophy of Nature I-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation		Graduate School of Letters Assistant Professor,PASCA, Roman	
Group		Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Philosophy(Foundations)	
Language of instruction		English		Old group		Group A	
				Number of credits		2	
Number of weekly time blocks		1		Class style		Lecture (Face-to-face course)	
				Year/semesters		2024 • First semester	
Days and periods		Thu.3		Target year		All students	
				Eligible students		For all majors	
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
<p>What is the correct name for nature? Physis, natura, jinen, shizen? How do I, as an individual human being, fit into the world of nature? Am I a part of it, or do I control it? Do I have the right to cut a tree? What is my responsibility toward the environment? How do I respond to the current environmental crisis?</p> <p>In this class, we will start from these questions and try to think together about the different understandings of “ nature ” and about the different ways in which we can engage with it. We will focus on views of nature in Japan, from premodern literary texts to contemporary philosophy.</p>							
[Course objectives]							
<p>In this class, students will learn</p> <p>1) to critically examine notions and concepts related to nature in Japan;</p> <p>2) to apply ethical theories to some challenging question in our experience of nature;</p> <p>3) to express their opinions, ideas and arguments in a clear manner.</p>							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
<p>For each meeting, we will read and discuss one (or more) short philosophical text(s). The course is structured as follows. (14 weeks of classes, 1 week for evaluation, 1 week for feedback)</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>1. Introduction. What is “ nature ” ? How do we understand / define it? [1 week]</p> <p>2. Nature in literature [3-4 weeks] Nature in waka and zuihitsu: "The Pillow book", "An Account of My Hut." The notion of secondary nature.</p> <p>3. Buddhism and ecology [3-4 weeks] Evolution, main concepts and texts. Kukai, Dogen. The notion of buddhahood.</p> <p>4. Confucianism and nature [3-4 weeks] Evolution, main concepts and thinkers. Miura Baien, Ninomiya Sontoku, Ando Shoeki.</p> <p>5. Nature in modern philosophy [2-3 weeks] Edo Tekirei. Minakata Kumagusu. Watsuji Tetsuro's "Fudo".</p> <p>6. Evaluation of learning achievement. [1 week]</p> <p>7. Feedback (Students will be notified of feedback methods separately.) [1 week]</p>							
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[Course requirements]

None

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Class participation (30%), assignments (20%) and final paper (50%).

[Textbooks]

No textbook. There will be class handouts for each meeting.

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

There will be several reading assignments - students will have to read a short text before class and prepare comments.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]