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chinese philosophy that is surely most easily approachable and perhaps is most important it ranges over of rich set of competing options it also with admirable self consciousness presents a number of daring attempts to relate those options to philosophical figures and movements from the west i recommend it very highly lee h yearley walter y evans wentz professor religious studies stanford university

this new edition offers expanded selections from the works of kongzi confucius mengzi mencius zhuangzi chuang tzu and xunzi hsun tzu two new works the dialogues robber zhi and white horse a concise general introduction brief introductions to and selective bibliographies for each work and four appendices that shed light on important figures periods texts and terms in chinese thought

the third edition of ivanhoe and van norden s acclaimed anthology builds on the strengths of previous editions with the addition of new selections for each chapter selections from shen dao a new translation of the writings of han feizi selections from two texts highly influential in later chinese philosophy the great learning and mean and a complete translation of the recently discovered text nature comes from the mandate each section of this volume begins with a brief introduction and concludes with a lightly annotated selective bibliography also included are four appendices important figures important periods important texts and important terms additional materials including study questions for selected chapters will be available on the title support page for this volume on the hackett publishing company website hackettpublishing.com rccp support in spring 2023

this ambitious book presents a new interpretation of chinese thought guided both by a philosopher s sense of mystery and by a sound philosophical theory of meaning that dual goal hansen argues requires a unified translation theory it must provide a single coherent account of the issues that motivated both the recently untangled chinese linguistic analysis and the familiar moral political disputes hansen s unified approach uncovers a philosophical sophistication in daoism that traditional accounts have overlooked

this book will help you to appreciate the variety subtlety and wisdom of a unique philosophical tradition to understand the major schools of thought that have shaped chinese civilization to draw on a rich cultural resource for different perspectives on questions of our time to recognize traditional concepts that continue to inform chinese thinking today china an emerging superpower is heir to an ancient civilization that owes little to outside influences this compelling introduction to chinese philosophy describes the major traditional schools of thought that continue to underpin much of chinese thinking today it includes an outline of the country s early history and traces the development of chinese thought which evolved in a continuum and generally in isolation from the rest of the world from the earliest concerns with ritual and divination until the arrival of buddhism in the first century the best known strand of chinese philosophy is confucianism which is basically a philosophy of relationships between different levels in a hierarchy from the ruler down to the individual in complete contrast the almost contemporary school of laozi espoused the wisdom and freedom of the dao based on the concept of alignment with nature and reverence for the environment there followed schools of analytical logic legalism and the arrival of buddhism which became associated in china with the mystical writings of laozi adding the dimension of compassion these schools gradually fused in a neo confucian synthesis that went unchallenged in china until the encounter with the west

the book touches on the relationship between philosophical thought and politics and brings the reader up to date by looking at the considered way in which china has adapted foreign ideas in modern times written by a distinguished author in clear everyday language it is a fascinating and accessible introduction to an important subject access the world s philosophies simple guides philosophy is a series of concise introductions to the major philosophies of the world written by experts in the field these accessible guides offer a fascinating account of the rich variety of arguments ideas and systems of thought articulated by different cultures in the attempt to explore and define the nature of reality and the meaning purpose and proper conduct of life the simple guides will appeal to analytical thinkers and spiritual seekers alike taken together they provide a basic introduction to the evolution of human thought and a point of reference for further exploration and discovery by offering essential insights into the world views of different societies they also enable travellers to behave in way that fosters mutual respect and understanding

this book rewrites the story of classical chinese philosophy which has always been considered the single most creative and vibrant chapter in the history of chinese philosophy works attributed to confucius mozi mencius laozi zhuangzi xunzi han feizi and many others represent the very origins of moral and political thinking in china as testimony to their enduring stature in recent decades many chinese intellectuals and even leading politicians have turned to those classics especially confucian texts for alternative or complementary sources of moral authority and political legitimacy therefore philosophical inquiries into core normative values embedded in those classical texts are crucial to the ongoing scholarly discussion about china as china turns more culturally inward it can also contribute to the spirited contemporary debate about the nature of philosophical reasoning especially in the non western traditions this book offers a new narrative and interpretative framework about the origins of moral political philosophy that tracks how the three normative values humaneness justice and personal freedom were formulated reformulated and contested by early chinese philosophers in their effort to negotiate the relationship among three distinct domains the personal the familial and the political such efforts took place as those thinkers were reimagining a new moral political order debating its guiding norms and exploring possible sources within the context of an evolving understanding of heaven and its relationship with the humans tao jiang argues that the competing visions in that debate can be characterized as a contestation between partialist humaneness and impartialist justice as the guiding norm for the newly imagined moral political order with the confucians the mohists the laoists and the so called fajia thinkers being the major participants constituting the mainstream philosophical project during this period thinkers lined up differently along the justice humaneness spectrum with earlier ones maintaining some continuity between the two normative values or at least trying to accommodate both to some extent while later ones leaning more toward their exclusivity in the political public domain zhuangzi and the zhuangists were the outliers of the mainstream moral political debate who rejected the very parameter of humaneness versus justice in that discourse they were a lone voice advocating personal freedom but the zhuangist expressions of freedom were self restricted to the margins of the political world and the interiority of one s heartmind such a take can shed new light on how the zhuangist approach to personal freedom would profoundly impact the development of this idea in pre modern chinese political and intellectual history

a smart and accessible introduction to the most important works of ancient chinese philosophy the analects of confucius mozi mencius laozi zhuangzi sunzi xunzi and han feizi this book provides an unmatched introduction to eight of the most important works of classical chinese philosophy the analects of confucius mozi mencius laozi zhuangzi sunzi xunzi and han feizi combining accessibility with the latest scholarship paul goldin one of the world s leading authorities on the history of chinese philosophy places these works in rich context as he explains the origin and meaning of their compelling ideas because none of these classics was written in its current form by the author to whom it is attributed the book begins by asking what are we reading and showing that understanding the textual history of the works enriches our appreciation of them a chapter is devoted to each of the eight works and the chapters are organized into three sections philosophy of heaven which looks at how the analects mozi and mencius discuss often skeptically heaven tian as a source of philosophical values philosophy of the way which addresses how laozi zhuangzi and sunzi introduce the new concept of the way dao to transcend the older paradigms and two titans at the end of an age which examines how xunzi and han feizi adapt the best ideas of the earlier thinkers for a coming imperial age in addition the book presents clear and insightful explanations of the protean and frequently misunderstood concept of qi and of a crucial characteristic of chinese philosophy nondeductive reasoning the result is an invaluable account of an endlessly fascinating and influential philosophical tradition

dealing with the subject of chinese philosophy this two volume set covers the period of the philosophers from the beginnings to around 100 bc a philosophical period as remarkable as that of ancient greece it also discusses a period lesser known in the west the period of classical learning from the second century bc to the twentieth century

li zehou is widely regarded as one of china s most influential contemporary thinkers he has produced influential theories of the development of chinese thought and the place of aesthetics in chinese ethics and value theory this book is the first english language translation of li zehou s work on classical chinese thought it includes chapters on the classical chinese thinkers including confucius mozi laozi sunzi xunzi and zhuangzi and also on later eras and thinkers such as dong zhongshu in the han dynasty and the song ming neo confucians the essays in this book not only discuss these historical figures and their ideas but also consider their historical significance and how key themes from these early schools reappeared in and shaped later periods and thinkers taken together they highlight the breadth of li zehou s scholarship and his syncretic approach his explanations of prominent thinkers and key periods in chinese intellectual history blend ideas from both the chinese and western canons while also drawing on contemporary thinkers in both traditions the book also includes an introduction written by the translator that helpfully explains the significance of li zehou s work and its prospects for fostering cross cultural dialogue with western philosophy a history of chinese classical thought will be of interest to advanced students and scholars interested in chinese philosophy comparative philosophy and chinese intellectual and social history

specific chinese models for theories of knowledge were premised upon a structurally ordered external reality since natural or cosmic order is organic it naturally follows the flow of structural patterns and operates in accordance with structural principles that regulate every existence in this worldview our mind is also structured in accordance with this all embracing but open organic system the axioms of our recognition and thought are

therefore not arbitrary but follow this rationally designed structure the compatibility of both the cosmic and mental structures is the basic precondition that enables humans to perceive and recognize external reality the present study shows that this paradigm of structural epistemology can already be found in the earliest chinese theories of knowledge the introduction of chinese models and their incorporation into western discourses fills an important theoretical gap in the western model of structuralism this book offers an insight into epistemological systems that arose outside the discourses of the euro american tradition it can thus help us to eliminate and supersede certain culturally conditioned prejudices as to the superiority and omnipresence of western theoretical models while demonstrating incontrovertibly that the results of western discourses are by no means the only force driving theoretical innovation at the present time

philosophical ideas of different schools such as confucian taoist legalist mohist nominalist military strategist yin and yang and agriculturist in periods prior to the qin dynasty 221 202 b c are expounded and analyzed against their times in the book advantages and disadvantages of different theoretical functions are also investigated from a critical perspective in addition the book presents the authors personal views on the category of chinese philosophy and the relations between traditional chinese thoughts and modern sciences

this book offers a profound exploration of the epistemological frameworks that have influenced chinese intellectual history from ancient times through the song dynasty s neo confucianism it provides a nuanced analysis of how knowledge systems within chinese culture developed and interacted with each other across different historical epochs by examining classical texts and philosophical movements rošker brings to light the unique approaches to knowledge and understanding in the chinese tradition setting them against the backdrop of western epistemological thought translated by marko ogrizek the book serves as a vital resource for anyone keen to understand the dynamic interplay of ideas that bridge the east and west linking ancient wisdom with modern perspectives

opening up the key thinkers movements and texts for the student new to the subject classical chinese philosophy covers the classical period from the writings of confucius through daoism and mohism to legalism in the guanzi and the hanfeizi by focusing on the key primary sources and considering a full range of different approaches to the texts this introduction encourages students to engage directly and critically with the major works of classical chinese thought the book also includes a brief guide to written chinese and a glossary of chinese terms to help students interpret for themselves the texts discussed in addition summaries and guides to additional reading help those studying the subject for the first time master the topics covered in each of the chapters

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challenging the eurocentric misconception that the philosophy of history is a western invention this book reconstructs chinese thought and offers the first systematic treatment of classical chinese philosophy of history dawid rogacz charts the development from pre imperial confucian philosophy of history the warring states period and the han dynasty through to the neo confucian philosophy of the tang and song era and finally to the ming and qing dynasties revealing underexplored areas of chinese thought he provides western readers with new insight into original texts and the ideas of over 40 chinese philosophers including mencius shang yang dong zhongshu wang chong liu zongyuan shao yong li zhi wang fuzhi and zhang xuecheng this vast interpretive body is compared with the main premises of western philosophy of history in order to open new lines of inquiry and directions for comparative study clarifying key ideas in the chinese tradition that have been misrepresented or shoehorned to fit western definitions rogacz offers an important reconsideration of how chinese philosophers have understood history

graham addresses several fundamental problems in classical chinese philosophy and in the nature and structure of the classical chinese language these inquiries and reflections are both broad based and detailed two sources of continuity bring these seemingly disparate parts into a coherent and intelligible whole first graham addresses that set of fundamental philosophical questions that have been the focus of dispute in the tradition and that have defined its character what is the nature of human nature what can we through linguistic and philosophical scrutiny discover about the date and composition of some of the major texts what sense can we make of the kung sun lung sophistries a second source of coherence is graham s identification and articulation of those basic and often unconscious presuppositions that ground our own tradition by so doing he enables readers to break free from the limits of their own conceptual universe and to explore in the chinese experience a profoundly different world view

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and experts in philosophy in general and chinese philosophy in particular with its theoretical insights and comparative methodology vincent shen lee chair in chinese thought and culture departments of philosophy and east asian studies university of toronto

realism or legalism was once a significant influence in classical chinese philosophy later eclipsed by confucianism its ideas however remain alive and powerful realists propose dealing with real world problems using real world instruments such as incentives rewards institutions and punishments adventures in chinese realism updates chinese realism to explain contemporary political and philosophical issues in a matter of fact thought provoking way contributors to this volume demonstrate how many of the legalist recipes for creating strength security and order can be applied today in many areas international relations corporate ethics the organization of the public sector and the roles that bureaucrats and politicians play realism offers unique ways to align these inherently particularistic actions with the broader common good

the history of chinese philosophy is a comprehensive and authoritative examination of the movements and thinkers that have shaped chinese philosophy over the last three thousand years an outstanding team of international contributors provide seventeen accessible entries organised into five clear parts identity of chinese philosophy classical chinese philosophy i pre han period classical chinese philosophy ii from han through tang classical chinese philosophy iii from song through early qing modern chinese philosophy from late qing through 21st century this outstanding collection is essential reading for students of chinese philosophy and will be of interest to those seeking to explore the lasting significance this rich and complex philosophical tradition

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