

Indian Buddhist Philosophy HRPH 3011 Syllabus—Fall 2015
PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF SYLLABUS: VERSION OF Saturday, May 16, 2015
NOT FINAL: CHECK BACK LATER, PLEASE

Richard K. Payne

classroom: JSC 130, weekday: Wednesday, time: 9:40 to 12:30

Course Description: Asaṅga's Mahāyānasaṅgraha (MSG) is one of the main texts summarizing the entire Buddhist path as understood by the Yogācāra school of Indian Buddhist thought. This course will be a reading of the text together with Nagao's commentary, in translation, and also supplementary readings as assigned; note: this is a change from earlier course description.

Readings are to be done in advance of class meetings.

Texts: translation of Nagao's commentary on the MSG, distributed
Keenan's BDK translation—distributed free as gift from BDK
other works and essays as assigned

Grading: class participation, final paper

Final Paper: topic of student's choice on Buddhist psychology or philosophy that is discussed in the MSG

Course Calendar:

- 1) Sept. 9: introduction to course
- 2) Sept. 16: begin reading of MSG—sections tba as course proceeds
Cheetham I
- 3) Sept. 23: Cheetham II
- 4) Sept. 30: balance of readings tba
- 5) Oct. 7:
- 6) Oct. 14:
- 7) Oct. 21:
- 8) Oct. 28: GTU Reading Week, no class
- 9) Nov. 4:
- 10) Nov. 11:
- 11) Nov. 18:
- 12) Nov. 25: Thanksgiving break, no class
- 13) Dec. 2:
- 14) Dec. 9:
- 15) Dec. 16: last class