

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

History Department

Sem. II, 1985-86

<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
History 573	Classical Confucianism and Taoism and the Emergence of the Concept of Political Order	Yu-sheng Lin

Course Description

I shall organize this course primarily as a study seminar: to study closely the new book by Benjamin I. Schwartz. The World of Thought in Ancient China. Professor Schwartz had spent more than 10 years in writing this book, which was, at long last, published a few months ago. It is the best and most comprehensive book in ancient Chinese intellectual history. Due to its depth, subtlety, and world-historical perspective, it is also one of the most difficult books in history, despite the fact that it was written in clear prose. It thus serves ideally as the focus of attention by a small group of students interested in classical Chinese thought and society. We shall discuss the book chapter by chapter, supplemented by selections from the primary sources in English translation.

Format

The course will be conducted as a colloquium. Students, usually organizing themselves as separate teams each of which consisting of 2 or 3 persons, select different chapters for oral presentations (the themes, arguments, and implications of the chapters). The instructor will provide necessary guidelines. All members are encouraged to participate in discussion.

Written Assignments and Examinations

Two 7-10 page typewritten double-spaced reports based on the oral presentations on selected sections or chapters. The first report will be due March 6, 1986, and the second report, May 8, 1986.

Grading System

Written reports -- 80%; Class performance 20%.