Sample Syllabus for a 13-week Course on Later Chinese Thought

**Required Textbook:**
- Justin Tiwald and Bryan Van Norden, eds., *Readings in Later Chinese Philosophy* (Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing, 2014). (All “Required Readings” are from this text.)

**Recommended Textbooks:**

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<td>• Dong Zhongshu, “An In-Depth Examination into Names and Designations,” “The Way of the King Links Up the Three,” “The Necessity for Benevolence and Wisdom”</td>
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<td>• Yang Xiong, “Putting Learning into Practice”</td>
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<td>• Selections on Qi, on Yin and Yang, and on the Five Phases</td>
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<td>• Huiyuan, <em>On Why Buddhist Monks Do Not Bow Down before Kings</em>, pp. 75-80.</td>
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### Week 4: Chan (Zen) Buddhism

**Required Readings:**
- Huineng, "Platform Sutra"
- Selected Koans

**Recommended Readings:**

### Week 5: The Rise of Neo-Confucianism

**Required Readings:**
- “Neo-Confucianism,” in *Readings in Later Chinese Philosophy*, pp. 112-122.
- Zhang Zai, “The Western Inscription”
- Cheng Yi, “Reply to Yang Shi’s Letter on ‘The Western Inscription’”
- Re-read “Great Appendix” (especially sections I.5, I.11, and I.12) and “Explanation of the Trigrams,” from the *Changes*

**Recommended Readings:**
- Tanner, *China*, Chapters 7-8 of Part II, pp. 201-77.

### Week 6: The Cheng Brothers

**Required Readings**
- Cheng Yi, “What Kind of Learning Was It that Yanzi Loved?” “Rememberance of Taking Care of Fish,” and Selected Sayings.

### Week 7: Zhu Xi on Metaphysics and Ethics

**Required Readings**
- Zhu Xi, *Categorized Conversations*
### Week 8: Zhu Xi and the New Orthodoxy

**Required Readings:**

**Recommended Readings:**

### Week 9: Critiques of Zhu Xi

**Required Readings:**
- Wang Yangming, “Questions on the Great Learning”

### Week 10: Wang Yangming

**Required Readings:**
- Wang Yangming, *A Record for Practice*,
- Wang Yangming, Miscellaneous Writings

**Recommended Readings:**

### Week 11: Women and Gender in Chinese Thought

**Required Readings:**
- Ban Zhao, *Lessons for Women*
- Liu Xiang, “Mengzi’s Mother”
- Cheng Yi, “Biographies of My Parents”
- Zhu Xi, “The Way of the Family”
- Li Zhi, “A Letter in Response to the Claim that Women Cannot Understand the Way Because They Are Shortsighted”
**Week 12: Late Imperial Confucianism**

**Required Readings:**
- “Late Imperial Confucianism,” in *Readings in Later Chinese Philosophy*, pp. 308-14.
- Huang Zongxi, “On Law”
- Dai Zhen, Selections from *An Evidential Commentary on the Meanings of Terms in the Mengzi*
- Re-read Han Yu, “On the Way”
- Zhang Xuecheng, “On the Way”

**Recommended Readings:**

**Week 13: Has Confucianism a Future?**

**Required Readings:**
- Hu Shih, “The Civilizations of the East and the West,”
- Li Dazhao, “Women’s Liberation and Democracy,”
- Liu Shaoqi, *On the Ethical Cultivation of Communist Party Members* and “Self-Criticism,”

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