GLOBAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY CORE CURRICULA (741) • Founded: 2011

This seminar collectively explores the pedagogical purpose and best-practice approaches to interdisciplinary and global humanities "core" curricula at the level of higher education, addressing how to rethink humanities pedagogy so that students not only learn about different cultures of the world but learn from them to think critically about how each of us understands, experiences, and broadens our own culture. The seminar welcomes faculty, administrators, and select invested students from Columbia and beyond to help frame the questions that most demand humanity's collective concern in this new age of interdependence, identify classics from the world's traditions that bring those concerns into sharpest focus, and rethink the institutional structures by which a new generation of interdisciplinary "core" courses may be most effectively implemented.

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2025–2026 MEETINGS

September 16 — *Introducing Symposium*
Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University
Gareth Williams, Columbia University

October 14 — *The Bacchae*
Gareth D. Williams, Columbia University

November 12 — *Reading Shun*
Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University

February 12 — *Discussion of the Ramayana*
Rachel McDermott, Barnard College

March 5 — *Bacchae, Story of Shun, Ramayana*
Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University
Gareth D. Williams, Columbia University

April 23 — *Pedagogy*
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