

<b>Course Title</b>	:	<b>Knowledge, Truth and Society</b> 知識，真理與社會
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### **Synopsis**

The development of modern civilization is characterised by its attempt to build knowledge within the framework of rationality. As a result, knowledge in the modern world has taken on itself an appearance of objectivity. However, it is worth asking whether “knowledge” can always refer to facts of the world out there as such – as philosophers of contemporary epistemology may generally assume. In relation to the discussion here, the aim of this course is threefold: First of all, we look into the major justificatory components of knowledge. They are the reasoning and logical rules that prevail in science and humanities subjects of modern times. Second, we will reflect on the nature and limits of scientific knowledge, especially the problem of induction and features of scientific thinking. Third, we will study the mode of production of knowledge and its value in modern society. In particular, we will explore the question concerning whether, or how far, knowledge should be regarded as a matter of “social construction”.