7A ACM420 Greek Religion: Myth & Meaning

Programme (with indicative reading – usually extracts from the cited texts)

1. Introduction to theories of mythology

2. Comparative approaches

Müller, F.M. (1881), *Selected essays on language, mythology and religion*, London.

3. Psychoanalytic theory I: Freud

———— (1932), ‘The acquisition and control of fire,’ in *Collected works* (available online)
———— (1922/1940), ‘Medusa’s head,’ in *Collected works* (available online)

4. Psychoanalytic theory II: Jung & Kerenyi


5. Ritual theory I: Jane Harrison

Harrison, J. (1924), *Mythology*

6. Ritual theory II: Walter Burkert

———— (1979), *Structure and history in Greek mythology and ritual*, Berkeley.

7. Structuralism I


8. Structuralism II: the French School


9. Ideological interpretation: Feminism & Marxism
10. Conclusions

Further Bibliography

Edmonds, L. (ed.) (1990), *Approaches to Greek mythology*, Baltimore.

Comparative approaches


Psychoanalysis

Slater, P.E. (1968), *The glory of Hera: Greek mythology and the Greek family*, Boston.

Ritualism


Structuralism


**Ideology**