

*International Workshop on the Research of Chinese Philosophy in Japan
and Taiwan: With Critical Retrospections and Future Prospects*

「日本和台灣的中國哲學研究之回顧與前景」國際學術研討會
「日本と台湾における中国哲学研究の回顧と展望」国際学術シンポジウム

Dates: 20-21 March 2010

Place: Yenching Common Room, 2 Divinity Avenue

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The University of Tokyo, Center for Philosophy (UTCP)

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The Purpose of the Workshop

In the last several years, scholars in many fields have benefited from a worldwide exchange of research, and have begun to share their new findings and novel ideas with their colleagues in other countries. Yet the field of Chinese philosophy in East Asia has unfortunately lagged behind in this respect. Over the past few decades, scholars in this field have failed to take advantage of the resources offered them by the emerging global research environment, and have become more insular than ever before. This workshop aims to respond to this situation by providing Western scholars with comprehensive yet critical accounts of research on Chinese philosophy in Japan and Taiwan in four major research fields: early Chinese philosophy, Song-Ming Neo-Confucianism, Buddhist philosophy, and Contemporary Neo-Confucianism. The workshop will be momentous for Japanese scholarly circles in this area because it will be the first such workshop in which six Japanese scholars on Chinese philosophy will all present papers in English.

Program

First Day (Saturday, 20 March 2010)

10:00-10:10 Opening remarks from the Conference Organizers

10:10-12:10

Session One

Inquiry into Mind-Body Relationship in Chinese Philosophical Tradition

Chair and Commentator: **James Robson, Harvard University**

Presenter (1) : **Masami Tateno, Nihon University, Japan**

Myth in the Tao: Mind-body and Language in Chuang-tzu's Tao

Presenter (2) : **Yao-ming Tsai, National Taiwan University, Taiwan**

A Reflection on Buddhist Approaches to the Mind-Body Relationship

12:10-13:20 Lunch break:

13: 20-14:20 Session Two

Role of Language in Early Chinese Philosophical Discourse

Chair and Commentator: **Michael Puett, Harvard University**

Presenter: **Wim De Reu, National Taiwan University, Taiwan**

Paradoxical Language on Language: A Study in Early Daoist Meta-language

14:20-14:40 Coffee break

14:40-16:40 Session Three

New Materials with New Perspectives: Japanese Perspectives on Chinese Philosophy Research

Chair and Commentator: **Kurtis Hagen, SUNY Plattsburgh**

Presenter (1): **Takayasu Suenaga, Kagoshima University, Japan**

On the Impact and Implication of the Discovery of the Guodian Manuscripts:

A Critical Reflection on the Current State of Japanese Research on the History of Pre-Qin Thought

Presenter (2): **Keiji Hashimoto, Hiroshima University, Japan**

Action in Wang Yangming: Encounter and Co-existence

17:00-18:30 Reception

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Second Day (Sunday, 21 March 2010)

10:00-12:00 Session Four

Future Possibility and Limitation of Contemporary Neo-Confucian Research in the 21st Century

Chair and Commentator: **Stephen C. Angle, Wesleyan University**

Presenter (1): **Bau-ruei Duh, National Taiwan University, Taiwan**

Modern Neo-Confucianism: Its Influence at Taiwan and Theoretical Reflection

Presenter (2): **Takahiro Nakajima, The University of Tokyo, Japan**

New Confucianism in Modern Japan

12:00-12:10 Taking picture

12:10-13:20 Lunch break

13: 20-15:20 Session Five

Guideline for Life? or Texts for Philological Inquiry?: Japanese and Taiwanese State-of-the-field of Yangming Neo-Confucianism

Chair and Commentator: **Peter K. Bol, Harvard University**

Presenter (1): **Masaya Mabuchi, Gakushuin University, Japan**

Post-War Japanese Research of Wang Yangming Neo-Confucianism Past and Present

Presenter (2): **Ping-tzu Chu, National Tsinghua University, Taiwan**

The Future of Confucianism in Taiwan

15:20-15:40 Coffee break

15:40-16:40 Session Six

Can Japanese Research on Chinese Philosophy Survive 21st Century?

Chair and Commentator: **Takahiro Nakajima, The University of Tokyo, Japan**

Presenter: **Masayuki Sato, National Taiwan University, Taiwan**

The Rise and Fall of Japanese Research on Chinese Philosophy: A Critical Look Back at Its Peculiarities

16:40-17:40 Roundtable Discussion

Co-Chaired by **Masayuki Sato** and **Ping-tzu Chu**

Discussants: **Kurtis Hagen, Stephen Angle, Michael Puett**

19:00-21:00 Dinner

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