

ISCWP Newsletter Volume 1, Issue 1 (January 2003)

From the Editor: Happy Chinese New Year! Congratulations to our colleagues and their scholarly achievements! Since this is the first issue of the newsletter, please let me know (tjiang@siu.edu) if you have any suggestions or comments to help me improve it next time, which is next year.

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The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning, and does not stop until you get into the office.

– Robert Frost

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President's Report (2002)

Since its establishment in early 2002, the International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy (the ISCWP), as a non-profit, independent philosophical society in the international academic arena, has been developing in a healthy and constructive way. At this moment, I would like to report to our members what have been achieved during this period and highlight some forthcoming ISCWP academic activities in the year of 2003 as well as some relevant policies as decided by the ISCWP Board.

Indeed, the year of 2002 is a special period during which a number of significant things for the development and well-being of the Society were fulfilled smoothly and efficiently, such as figuring out the Society's distinct direction, purposes and missions that both respond to the need of the status-quo situation and projects some long-term visions, working on the Society's Constitution which was approved by the membership, and electing the first term of the Board of Director. A series of tasks and projects to fulfill the Society's missions and serve our members have begun to be implemented in their good tracks. All of these could not have been accomplished without the firm support and valuable contributions from our members. At this point, I would like to first express my sincere appreciation to all those who have in various ways contributed to the healthy development and well-being of the ISCWP: among others, especially to my colleagues in the Preparatory Committee which temporarily directed the Society before the Board of Directors were elected in early May of 2002, Dr. Wan-Chuan Fang, Dr. Yiu-ming Fung, Dr. JeeLoo Liu, Dr. Qingjie Wang, and Dr. Xianglong Zhang, to many members of the Advisory Board who have offered their valuable advices, to the members of the *ad hoc* Election

Committee, Dr. Wan-Chuan Fang (Chair), Dr. Linhe Han, and Dr. Xiaosi Yang, to the members of the *ad hoc* Review Committee for the ISCWP panel at the APA Pacific 2003 meeting, Dr. Steve Angle (Chair) and the three anonymous referees, to my colleagues in the Organizing Committee for the ISCWP's first international conference, Dr. Xianglong Zhang and Dr. Linhe Han, and the three anonymous members of the Review Team for submissions to the conference. Finally, I am very grateful to my colleagues in the current Board of Directors, Dr. Xianglong Zhang, Vice-President, and Dr. Tao Jiang, Secretary-Treasurer, for their effective collegial cooperation and support and for their constructive contributions to various board's discussions and decisions.

In the following, I would like to report, and provide some further updates of, what have been implemented to fulfill the ISCWP's missions and to serve our members, since the current Board of Directors was elected in the last May.

(1) The ISCWP conference panels. The Society has made four panel session proposals respectively to the APA Eastern Division 2002 meeting (one panel; Philadelphia; December 2002), the APA Pacific Division 2003 meeting (one panel; San Francisco; March 2003), and the 21st World Congress of Philosophy (two round-table panels; Istanbul; August 2002). For their details, please visit the part "ISCWP Conferences" at the current ISCWP website. As for the future ISCWP panel sessions at the APA meetings, the Board has decided that the Society will regularly make "Call for Papers" (individual papers as well as panel proposals) for the APA Pacific Division meeting and the APA Eastern Division meeting; "Call for Papers" will not be regularly made for the APA Central Division meeting (due to the fact that it is held merely around one month later than the Pacific meeting and often during the busy time). Nevertheless, if any member is interested in organizing an ISCWP panel at the APA Central Division meeting, he/she is encouraged to go ahead to directly make the panel proposal to the Board; the Board would conduct a review of it and, if approved, submit it as the ISCWP panel proposal to the relevant APA person(s) in charge. The same as before, for the sake of quality control and good plan, the Board will conduct the review process both for those submissions responding to the "Call for Papers" and for other ISCWP panel proposals. When interests warrant, the members are encouraged to make ISCWP panel proposals to the Board for some other relevant international or local academic conferences to be held in other geographic regions such as mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Europe and Australia.

(2) The ISCWP international conferences. As one of the major tasks for each term of the Board is to plan and organize one or two ISCWP international conferences on comparative studies of Chinese and Western philosophy, the Board has recently discussed how to strengthen the leadership of organizing the subsequent ISCWP international conferences as well as some relevant format issues. The following decisions have been made.

(i) The format concerning the subject of each of the ISCWP international conferences. It can either focus on some specific theme-subject or be general one on comparative studies of Chinese and Western philosophy, which could cover various subjects, especially when the ISCWP membership becomes bigger and develops such a need.

(ii) The frequency of holding the ISCWP international conferences. The Board considers that it would be better to keep certain flexibility in this aspect, being sensitive to situation and need. The time frame of the three-year term of each board actually enables such flexibility: each board

could consider to hold either one or two ISCWP international conferences during its term, depending on situation and need.

(iii) The format of the Organizing Committee for each of the ISCWP international conferences. To strengthen the leadership of each of the ISCWP international conferences and keep its healthy continuity, the Board has decided that the Organizing Committee for each of the ISCWP international conferences, by default, consists of the following persons: (a) the president of the current term of the Board who assumes Chair of the Organizing Committee; (b) the vice president of the current term of the Board (especially with consideration that the vice president would assume the presidency in the next term of the board and thus assume the primary responsibility for planning and organizing the ISCWP international conference(s) in his/her term; in this way, the vice president's involvement in the organizational process of the current conference would provide warm-up preparation for him/her, keep the continuity of the ISCWP conference series as well as make his/her substantial contribution to the current conference); and (c) the representative from the conference host. This is the default constitution of the Organizing Committee. It would depend on situation and need whether or not to invite some expert(s) in the relevant area(s) to join in the Organizing Committee.

(iv) As for the formal title of the ISCWP international conferences The formal title of each of the ISCWP international conference series consists of the identity series-title "xxxth ISCWP International Conference" and a subject-title that would be sensitive to, and reflect, the content of each conference especially when that conference is theme-subject oriented. For example, the complete title of the forthcoming one would be "The 1st ISCWP International Conference: Davidson's Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy". This general title, on the one hand, would somehow keep the identity of ISCWP and the continuity of the ISCWP's international conference series and, on the other hand, would be academically informative.

Right now the preparation for the first ISCWP international conference "Davidson's Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy" is going on well. Based on the quality of the accepted and invited presentation papers, Professor Davidson's own serious commitment to this philosophical engagement (he himself will assume commentator on all presented papers), and the earnest preparation by all sponsoring parties for the conference, I would like to say that this international conference tends to be a quality one judged by high academic criteria.

(3) The ISCWP's "updates of bibliographies" service. In the "Announcement" it is indicated that the Society plans to provide some substantial academic services for its members including periodically providing updated bibliographies of literature in comparative studies of Chinese and Western philosophy. The Board plans to substantialize this plan. Here is the schedule: I will take care of this service work for the 2002-2003 annual period, while Dr. Xianglong Zhang, Vice-President of the ISCWP, will take care of this service work for the 2003-04 and 2004-05 annual periods. As indicated below, this 'bibliography updates' will be given in the form of the supplementary issue of each year's ISCWP Newsletter. If you have any recommendation of recent good works (papers or volumes) that are significantly relevant to comparative studies of Chinese and Western philosophy, please let me know so that our other members could share your recommendations and information. Note that, in view of the Society's missions, recommendations of those relevant papers in major journals in Western mainstream philosophy (such as analytic tradition in English-speaking countries), whose points of view and/or explanatory/conceptual resources would help us understand and elaborate Chinese philosophy

and/or jointly contribute to some common issues and concerns in Chinese philosophy, will be also welcome, whether or not they would be “traditionally” rendered as “irrelevant”.

(4) The ISCWP Newsletter. To strengthen the communication/connection and academic information exchange among the members, the Board has decided that one regular issue of the ISCWP Newsletter (Issue 1) is to be worked out annually (usually to be issued by the end of January), and one special ‘bibliography updates’ issue (Issue 2), which provides ‘news’ of the updated bibliographies of literature in comparative studies of Chinese and Western philosophy, is to be issued in the summer of each year (if there is any necessary updates in other aspects around the mid year, they would be included in this ‘bibliography updates’ issue). Based on the current situation, the editorship of the annual regular issue of the ISCWP Newsletter is to be assumed by the Society’s Secretary, while the editorship of ‘bibliography updates’ issue is to be assumed by the Society’s Vice-President, as he/she is to be responsible for providing the bibliography updates for the members, according to the previous by-default arrangement. In this way, for the current term of the Board (2002-2005), the editor of the regular annual issues is Dr. Tao Jiang, the Society’s current Secretary; the editor of the ‘Bibliography updates’ issue for 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 years is Dr. Xianglong Zhang, and the editor for 2002-2003 year is me (based on the special arrangement in regard to the ‘bibliography updates’ service discussed above).

(5) The ISCWP website. For the sake of the effective communication and information-sharing, the Board has decided that the ISCWP sets up its own website and that the president of each term of the Board is in charge of the content of the website during the term, though it is not necessary for him/her to be the webmaster who actually makes webpages and keeps technical maintenance of the website. In this way, during the 2002-2005 term, I take care of the ISCWP website which is now available with the website address <http://cfds.sjsu.edu/iscwp>. Please feel free to have or introduce ‘hyperlink’ to this website when you or some other parties are interested. In the current website, one can find various relevant information including the ISCWP Constitution and information about the ISCWP panel sessions and conferences. The past issues of the ISCWP Newsletter are to be also available there.

(6) The ISCWP’s non-profit tax exemption status. The Board has recently completed all the necessary paper work and formally registered with the IRS (the USA Federal Internal Revenue Service) and the State of California’s Tax Bureau for non-profit academic organization with tax exemption status. To complete this process, upon the request by them, the ISCWP has recently further amended its Constitution to include a ‘political limitation’ clause, a ‘dedication’ clause and a ‘dissolution’ clause, with approval by the membership via a specially arranged ballot. In this way, the ISCWP can legally and favorably (at least in the USA) deal with relevant financial transactions such as donations.

Thank you all. Keep in touch.
Sincerely yours,

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Activities/Travels/Publications

“Why did the Presocratics write in fragments?”

– A student’s innocent question

Steve Angle

Kim-Chong Chong

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1. Conferences

(a) "Challenging Citizenship: Identity and Membership in a Global Age", an international conference on citizenship, January 11-13 2003. More details at the official website--

<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/philoconf/filiality/home.HTM>

(b) Australasian Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy annual conference July 7-10 2003, hosted by the Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore. Conference theme: "Self and Others". Full details at the official website--

<http://ap3.fas.nus.edu.sg:8000/appl/web9/ASACP/announcement.htm>

2. Book Series Announcement

"Asian and Comparative Philosophy Series" with Times Media (Academic Publishing), Singapore, under the imprint Eastern Universities Press. Book manuscripts for review and consideration to be sent to the General Editor, Kim-chong Chong, National University of Singapore, Department of Philosophy, 3 Arts Link, Singapore 117570. E-mail: phickc@nus.edu.sg. The series will provide a forum for the exposition and development of different perspectives on some issues central to human life and human societies. The perspectives include those derived from various religious and cultural traditions. Some of the issues have received much attention from Western points of view. But there has been little detailed and systematic explorations from Asian and comparative perspectives, still less from scholars well-versed in both Asian and Western traditions of inquiry. The series will be of interest not just to philosophers and academics and students from various disciplines, but also to the general reader, whose life has been touched by developments and problems in the areas covered by the series: Virtue Ethics and Confucian Ethics, Multiculturalism, Environmental Philosophy, Biotechnology and Human Values, Life and Death, Private and Public Virtues, Religion in Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Ethics in Asian Traditions, Philosophical Issues in Development, Self and Others, Theories of Human Nature, Justice and International Conflicts, etc.

3. Forthcoming Book

Kim-chong Chong, Sor-hoon Tan, and C.L. Ten (eds.), *The Moral Circle and the Self: Chinese and Western Perspectives* (Chicago: Open Court 2003). The aim of this volume is to probe some conscious and unconscious assumptions in both Chinese and Western ethics, as well as to question some of the ways in which both forms of ethics are commonly distinguished. The impetus for the essays is provided by the overarching question: If ethics encompasses not just a concern for self and family but for a wider circle of others, what resources do both Chinese and Western ethics have to motivate and guide this expansion of concern? Contributors: Martha

Nussbaum, C.L. Ten, Cecilia Wee, Bryan Van Norden, Dean Cocking and Jeanette Kennett, John Kekes, A.T. Nuyen, Karyn Lai, Alan Montefiore, John D Greenwood, Ka-nar Wong, Margaret M. Coady and C.A.J. Coady, Sor-hoon Tan, Baogang He, Yuet-keung Lo, Kim-chong Chong, Herbert Fingarette.

Anthony Cua

Book:

Editor and Contributor, *Encyclopedia of Chinese Philosophy*. New York & London: Routledge, 2003. xxii, 1020 pp. (I just received an advanced copy.)

Articles:

"Ethical Uses of History in Early Confucianism: The Case of Hsün Tzu." In *Virtue, Nature, and Moral Agency in the Xunzi*, edited by T. C. Kline and Philip J. Ivanhoe. Indianapolis/Cambridge: Hackett, 2000. Reprint of 1985 article in *Philosophy East and West*.

"Problems of Chinese Moral Philosophy," *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 27, No. 3 (2000): 269-85.

"Emergence of the History of Chinese Philosophy," *International Philosophical Quarterly* XL, no. 4 (December 2000): 441-64. A shorter version entitled "Western Challenge to the Development of Chinese Philosophy" was translated into Chinese by Shi Zhonglian and Li Wujin and published in *Shidai yu sichao* #7 [Ershi shiji mo de wenhua shenshi (Times and Trends of Thought in the Late Twentieth Century)], Shanghai East-West Philosophy and Culture Research Society, Series #7, 2001, pp. 173-99. This short version also appeared with the title "Western Challenge to the Development of Chinese Philosophy" in *Philosophy: One Hundred Years of Philosophy*, edited by Brian Shanley. Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America, 2001.

"Confucian Ethics," "Hsün Tzu," "Wang Yang-ming" in Lawrence and Charlotte Becker (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Second Edition (New York: Garland Publishing Company, 2001). "Xin and Moral Failure: Notes on an Aspect of Mencius's Moral Psychology." In *Mencius: Contexts and Interpretations*, edited by Alan Chan (University of Hawaii Press, 2002). Also in *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* Vol. 1, no.1 (2001): 31-53.

"The Ethical and the Religious Dimensions Li," *Review of Metaphysics* 55:3 (2002): 501-49. A shorter version of the same title to appear in *Confucian Spirituality*, edited by Tu Wei-ming and Mary Evelyn Tucker (Crossroads 2003).

"On the Ethical Significance of Ti-Yong Distinction," *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* No. 2 (2002): 163-170.

C. Forthcoming Articles

"Ethical Significance of Shame: Insights of Aristotle and Xunzi," *Philosophy East and West*. Vol. 53, no 2 (April 2003): 147-202.

"Emergence of the History of Chinese Philosophy," in *Comparative Approaches to Chinese Philosophy*, edited by Bo Mou (Ashgate, 2003)

Bo Chen

1. 2002.2-2003.2: CCSC Fellow, awarded by the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Academy of Sciences, the Social Science Research Council, work with Professor Susan Haack, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Miami, Florida, USA.

2., *Analytic Philosophy---Review and Reflection*, edited by Chen Bo, Chengdu: Sichuan Education Press, 2001, 690pp.

This anthology aims to review and reflection of analytic philosophy, respective of its development, reflect the historical causes and reasons of its rise and fall, make clear its thoughtful achievements, investigate its

current situation, especially focus on the situation of introduction, research, development of analytic philosophy in China. It is consisted of two parts: The first part is Western Philosophers on Analytic Philosophy, which includes the Chinese translations of 14 essays mostly written by the leading western philosophers, Georg Henrik von Wright, John Searle, Hilary Putnam, Nicholas Rescher, Peter Strawson, Michael Dummett, Richard Rorty, Jaakko Hintikka, P. M. S. Hacker, Tyler Burge, Susan Haack, Peter Hylton, J.

J. Ross, Anat Matar. The second part is Chinese Philosophers on Analytic Philosophy, which includes the articles of 30 Chinese philosophers, 20 authors from China Mainland, 4 authors from Taiwan, 4 authors from Hong Kong, 2 authors are American-Chinese, e.g, Hao Wang.

Actually, the second

part is the summary and collection of Chinese research of analytic philosophy.

3. *The Tree of Knowledge---The Selection of G. H. von Wright*, edited and translated by Chen Bo, Beijing: San Lian Publishing Company, 2002, 350pp.

4. 2002-: International Member of American Philosophical Association.

5. 2000-now: Director of Chinese Center of Collect and Analyses, Bibliographie de la philosophie. Bibliography of philosophy, Paris, International Institute of Philosophy,

6. 2000---now: Part-time Professor, Institute of Logic and Cognition, Zhong-shan University, China.

Tao Jiang:

A. Journal Articles:

"The Problematic of Whole/Part and the Horizon of the Enlightened in Huayan Buddhism," *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* (December, 2001)

"A Buddhist Scheme in Engaging Modern Science: The Case of Taixu (1890-1947)," *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* (December, 2002)

"The Storehouse Consciousness and the Unconscious: A Comparative Study of Xuan Zang and Freud on the Subliminal Mind," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*(forthcoming)

B. Book Review:

Review of David R. Loy's *A Buddhist History of the West: Studies in Lack* (SUNY 2002), *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* (forthcoming)

Xinyan Jiang

(1) Since last July Xinyan Jiang has been on the advisory committee to the APA Eastern Division Program Committee. She (and other two members of the advisory committee) has been appointed to advise the Program Committee about the invited portion on non-Western philosophy of the Eastern Division program for a three-year term.

(2) An Anthology on Chinese philosophy, *The Examined Life: Chinese Perspectives --Essays on Chinese Ethical Traditions* is just published (edited by Xinyan Jiang, and Foreword by Robert C. Neville, Global Publications at SUNY Binghamton, 2002). Order information: Have inquiries sent to: gporders@binghamton.edu

Orders for this book can be placed by calling 607-777-4495 or by fax at 607-777-6132.

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Youzheng Li

1. As a visiting scholar at the Maison of Human Sciences, Paris, June 2002, I visited Department of Language Science, the Second Lyon University, the Institute of Religious Semiotics of Lyon and the Chinese studies of Lyon in the middle of June, discussing with the French colleagues about the desirability of organizing a round table of "Chinese semiotics " at the 8th Congress of International Association for Semiotics Studies which is to be held in Lyon 2004.

2. During my participation in the 10th German International Congress of Semiotics, Kassel, in July 2002, besides delivering my lecture "A Semiotic Reading of the Traditional Chinese Li(Ritual) System " there, I discussed with German colleagues about the possibility of organizing an international conference in China next year about the theoretical interaction between Western semiotics and Chinese humanities.

3. During my participation in "The National Conference of Semiotics and Methodological Problems of the Humanities", Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, September 2002, co-designed by me and chaired by Ru Xin, the former vice-President of CASS (Chinese Academy of Social

Sciences), I delivered a lecture about "the structure of semiotics studies". Meanwhile a dialogue between the graduate students from the College of Human Sciences and me was arranged in the evening.

4. My two lectures were arranged at the Departments of Philosophy and Chinese Literature, East-China Normal University, Shanghai in later September 2002, respectively about "the Relationship between Semiotics and Philosophy" and "the Semiotic Approach to the Studies of Chinese Literature".

5. A new anthology of mine "Semiotics of History" (in Chinese) was edited and arranged for publishing in Beijing, October 2002, including my lectures in a section called as "The Semiotic Travel".

6. After several discussions about how to promote the semiotic studies in China an academic group has been temporarily formed at CASS (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences) with the name "Preparatory Committee of Chinese Association for Semiotic Studies, CASS" (PCCASS). Its director is Prof. Ru Xin and the vice-director is Prof. Chen Yunquan, both of who currently work in the Science Committee of CASS.

7. Three projects in perspective:

1) The conference "Chinese-German International Congress of Semiotics and the Humanities", Beijing 2003, has been under active preparation since early November 2002. It is about to organize multiple dialogues between different fields such as philosophy, literature, history and arts at the theoretical level. It will also be a cross-cultural exchange of ideas between the Chinese and Western traditions. The congress will be co-chaired by Prof. Ru Xin and Prof. Roland Posner, CASS.

2) The round table of Chinese semiotics with a possible title as "Chinese Semiotics and Comparative Philosophy," Lyon, July 2004 has been under serious consideration. It could be co-organized by several societies such as PCCASS, ISCWP and the Hangzhou Center for Semiotics. It plans to get together Chinese scholars at home and abroad for the theoretical dialogue about the orientation of Chinese humanities in terms of semiotics and comparative philosophy alike.

3) A colloquium about Chinese semiotics could be organized by PCCASS at CASS Beijing August 2003 immediately after the International Congress of Beijing.

Xiusheng Liu

He has a few publications this year. 1. *Mencius, Hume and the Foundations of Ethics* (Ashgate, 2002). 2. edited by Xiusheng Liu and P. J. Ivanhoe, *Essays on the Moral Philosophy of Mengzi* (Hackett, 2002). 3. "Mencius, Hume and Sensibility Theory," in *Philosophy East & West*, 52:1, January 2002.

Bo Mou

In the past two years (2001-2002), I have published the following research papers, edited volumes, etc..

1. *Research Articles*

“The Enumerative Character of Tarski’s Definition of Truth and Its General Character in a Tarskian System,” *Synthese* vol.124, Issue 1 & 2 (2001), pp. 91-122.

“An Analysis of the Structure of Philosophical Methodology: In View of Comparative Philosophy,” in *Two Roads to Wisdom? ---Chinese and Analytic Philosophical Traditions*(Chicago, Ill.: Open Court, 2001), pp. 337-364.

“Becoming-Being Complementarity: A Yin-Yang Metaphysical Vision in the *Yijing (I Ching)*,” invited essay for *POLYLOG (Journal for Intercultural Philosophy)*, 7 (2001), pp. 42-51 (in German).

“Moral Rules and Moral Experience: A Comparative Analysis of Dewey and Laozi on Morality,” *Asian Philosophy*, Vol.11, No.3 (published in 2002), pp. 161-178.

“Three Orientations and Four ‘Sins’ in Comparative Studies,” invited essay for the *APA Newsletter* on comparative philosophy (edited by Chenyang Li), Fall 2002, pp. 25-28.

2. Edited Volumes

Edited, wrote “Introduction,” and contributed one essay to the anthology volume *Two Roads to Wisdom?—Chinese and Analytic Philosophical Traditions* (Chicago, Ill.: Open Court; 2001) [Foreword by Donald Davidson; contributions by Nicholas Rescher, Robert Neville, Adam Morton, Lik Kuen Tong, Chung-yin Cheng, Shu-hsien Liu, David Hall, You-zheng Li, Chad Hansen, Kwong-loi Shun, Yiu-ming Fung, Robert Allinson, Ji-yuan Yu & Nicholas Bunnin, Bryan Van Norden, and Bo Mou.]

Edited, wrote “Introduction,” and contributed the Chinese translation of one research essay (a revised version of a previously published article in *Philosophy East & West*) to the anthology volume *Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophies* (Beijing, China: The Commercial Press; 2002). (In Chinese)

Edited, wrote “Introduction,” and contributed the Chinese translation of one research essay (a revised version of a previously published article in *Metaphilosophy*) and one review article to the anthology volume *Contemporary Inquiries into Fundamental Issues of Philosophy* (Beijing, China: The Commercial Press; 2002). (In Chinese)

3. Others

Review article: “Philosophy of Language and Mind” for *Contemporary Inquiries into Fundamental Issues of Philosophy* (Beijing, China: The Commercial Press; 2002). (In Chinese)

“Western Philosophy in China: Past, Present, and Future,” an interview by a reporter from *Philosophical Trends*, No.227 (No.1, 2002), pp. 25-28. (In Chinese)

Junheng Sun

In 2002

1. Papers published:

1) “Challenges to globalization”, *Dongyue Tribune*, 2002.1.

2) “On Methodology of Business ethics”, *Journal of Shanghai Normal University* (Social Sciences), 2002.4

3) “Three systems of distributive justice”, in: *Ethical Construction in the Globalization*, Beijing: Dangjian Duwu Publishing House, 2002, pp.239-251

2. International conference participated:

1) Knowledge Economy and Business Ethics, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, April 2-4, 2002

Paper: "Calling for Virtues in the Internet Age"

2) Searching for Human Common Morality, Institute of Moral Science, Japan, August 5-9, 2002

Paper: "Confucius and Dr. Chikuro Hiroike"

Robin R Wang

Published the second edition of the book: *Reason and Insight: Western and Eastern Perspectives on the Pursuit of Moral Wisdom* (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 1996, new edition 2002), 521pp.

[Co-authored with T. Shanahan]

"Globalizing the Heart of the Dragon: The Impact of Technology on Confucian Ethical Values," in *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 29: 4, December 2002

She is the director of the California Teachers China Study Tour (sponsored by National Consortium for Teaching about Asia and Freeman Foundation.)

She served also as the proposal reviewer and panelist for National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) in December 2002.

Youru Wang

Assistant Professor, teaches Asian thought in Philosophy and Religion Department at Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey. The area of his specialty is Chinese Buddhist thought and early Daoist thought. His recent publications include the following: "Liberating Oneself from the Absolutized Boundary of Language—A Liminological Approach to the Interplay of Speech and Silence in Chan Buddhism," *Philosophy East and West*, Vol. 51, No. 1, 2001; "Philosophy of Change and the Deconstruction of Self in the *Zhuangzi*," *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, Vol. 27, No. 3, 2000; "Pragmatics of 'Never Tell Too Plainly': Indirect Communication in Chan Buddhism," *Asian Philosophy*, Vol. 10, No. 1, 2000. His book, *Linguistic Strategies in Daoist Zhuangzi and Chan Buddhism: The Other Way of Speaking*, will be published by Routledge-Curzon in June 2003.

Jiyuan Yu

Department of Philosophy, State University of New York at Buffalo.

Guest editor, "Ethics in Greek Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy", special issue of the *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, Sept. 2002, in which his own contributions are (1), "Guest Editor's Introduction: Toward a Chinese-Greek Comparative ethics", and (2) "The Aristotelian Mean and Confucian Mean". Forthcoming books of Jiyuan Yu: 1. *The Structure of Being in Aristotle's Metaphysics* (the Kluwer, 2003); 2. *Rationality and Happiness: From the Ancients to the Early Medievals* (co-editor with Jorge, J. E. Gracia, University of Rochester Press, January 2003); 3. Blackwell's *Dictionary of Western Philosophy* (co-compiler with Nick Bunnin, Blackwell, 2003. This is the revised English only version of the "Dictionary of Western Philosophy: English-Chinese", originally published by Beijing: People's Press, 2001).

Xianglong Zhang

"'Sexual Difference' in Chinese and Western Traditional Philosophies". *Jiangsu Social Sciences* (江苏社会科学), 2002.6, pp.1-9.

Abstract: The awareness of "sexual difference" deeply affects the basic features of a philosophical tradition. Traditional western philosophy had no such awareness, while the main streams of traditional Chinese philosophy showed this consciousness in "yin/yang" and its varieties. The difference brought out quite a few distinctions between the two traditions,

manifested for instance by the pairs: interplaying or interdependent relation/independent substance, dynamic/rest, family/individual, arts/sciences, etc. The last part discusses the female status in the two traditions, touching some issues raised by feminism.

Key words: gender, sexual difference, ontology, *Book of Changes*, yin/yang.

This paper has been noticed by media, such as *Guangming Daily* (2002.12.10) and *Social Sciences Newspaper* (date unclear, about the beginning of Dec. 2002).

Information

I want to know what good is a web search engine that returns 324,909,188 'matches' to my key word. That's like saying: Good news, we've located the product you're looking for. It's on Earth.

– Bruce Cameron

Chinese Philosophy Resources Goes Online

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