From the Editor

Dear all,
First let me express appreciation for the people who kindly sent me their comments on the newly-designed layout of the newsletter after the last issue was sent out. Please let me know if you have other suggestions.

It is my pleasure to present this new issue to you. I’m grateful for all the members who sent me their contributions promptly, namely, Wong Wai-ying, Stephen Angle, Robin R Wang, Sor-hoon Tan, Hao Changchi, Bo Mou, Xianglong Zhang, and Tao Jiang. I hope to enjoy your constant support for the Newsletter.

This year is my benming year. It seems most apposite for me to wish you a particularly fruitful and successful year!

Sincerely,

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President’s Report (2005)

In 2005, we conducted the election for the 2005-2008 term of the ISCWP Board in April, successfully held the 2nd ISCWP International Conference “Searle’s Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy: Constructive Engagement” in June at Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, and organized panels in APA meetings. Since our former president Prof. Bo Mou in his “End-of-Term Report” (Newsletter, vol.3, issue 2) gave a sufficient report on what happened until the end of his term (June 30, 2005), I will only mention the events in the second half of 2005 and outline the forthcoming activities this year.

ISCWP held two panel sessions at the APA Eastern Division 2005 Meeting (in the afternoons of December 30, 31, 2005; The Hilton Hotel, New York). The first one bears the topic “Double Effect or Beyond: Comparing Double Effect, Quan, and Upaya” and chaired by Manyul Im (California State University at Los Angeles, USA). The speakers are: (1) Professor Josef Boyle (University of Toronto, Canada) with the paper on “Double Effect and Western Morality”; (2) Professor Jinfen Yan (University of Toronto, Canada) on “Intention in Catholic Double Effect, Confucian Quan and Mahayana Upaya”; (3) Professor Dan Goldstick (University of Toronto, Canada), ”Double Effect and Terrorism”. The discussant: Xiaomei Yang (Temple University, USA).

The second session, with the topic “On the Constructive-Engagement Methodological Strategy in Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy” was chaired by Xianglong
Zhang. The speakers were (1) Manyul Im (California State University at Los Angeles, USA) on “Engaging with the Dead: Classical Confucianism, Historicism, and the Viability of Ethical Options”; (2) Xiaofei Tu (Syracuse University, USA) on “New Confucians and the Kyoto Philosophers as Comparativists: The Cases of Mou Zongsan and Nishitani”; (3) Bo Mou (San Jose State University, USA) “On Some Methodological Issues Involved in Constructive-Engagement of Chinese and Western Philosophy”. The commentator and discussant was Weimin Sun (California State University at Northridge, USA).

In 2006, our society will hold the 2006 term of “Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy” with the theme “Philosophy of Language: Constructive Engagement of Distinctive Perspectives” in Peking University, Beijing, China. Its time is tentatively set as June 20 or 20-21, 2006 (depending on the actual size). The co-sponsors are the Institute of Foreign Philosophy, Peking University (Workshop Host) and the Committee on International Cooperation of the American Philosophical Association. The “Call for papers” of this conference was already announced and the deadline of handing in papers is the end of next month.

Another forthcoming event is ISCWP panel session at the coming APA Pacific Division 2006 meeting (Portland, March 2006). In addition, we have decided to help publicize a conference that Steve has organized, because its goals closely match those of the ISCWP: the “Neo-Confucianism and Global Philosophy” conference will be held at Wesleyan University on February 24 and 25. Please see the conference website, at http://sangle.web.wesleyan.edu, for more details.

In the “Letter from New President” (Newsletter, vol.3, issue 2), I mentioned a plan to hold the 3rd one in the ISCWP’s “Constructive Engagement” international conference series on the methodology of comparative philosophy at Peking University (Beijing, China) in 2007. For the sake of more sufficient preparation and better timing, it is now to be held in June 2008.

I’d like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the former president Bo Mou and former secretary-treasurer Tao Jiang for their excellent works in the first half of the past year, and to the two new board members, vice-president as well as treasurer Steve Angle and secretary Lin Ma for their efficient cooperation. On behalf of the current board, I want to show our appreciation to all the speakers, commentators and discussants of the ISCWP panels in conferences and meetings.

In closing, I would like to encourage members to offer their valuable advice to the Board, or to the membership at large (via the listserv) about initiatives you feel the ISCWP should consider.

Happy Chinese New Year (a year of dog)!

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ISCWP Panel at APA Pacific Division 2006 Meeting

Chair: Hagop Sarkissian, Duke University

Speakers:

WU Genyou, Wuhan University
Daoyi and Zhengyi: A Comparative Reflection on Confucius's and Plato's Views on Political Legitimacy

Marshall Willman, University of Iowa
Mencius on Yi and Self-Reflection from a Kantian Point of View

Commentator:

Hagop Sarkissian, Duke University

The Confucian Virtue of Yi in Comparative Perspectives
Member News

Wong Wai-ying

Associate Professor
Department of Philosophy, Lingnan University, Hong Kong.

Publications:

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Stephen Angle

I was awarded a Millicent C. McIntosh Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. Part of its goal is supporting a conference on Neo-Confucianism and Global Philosophy at Wesleyan in early 2006. In addition, I have recently published articles representing all three of my main interests: political philosophy, ethics/moral psychology, and methodology for comparative/global philosophy

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Publications in 2005:

Sor-hoon Tan

Associate Professor (Philosophy) / Assistant Dean (Undergraduate Matters)
National University of Singapore

Publications in 2005:

2) "Democracy as Communities of Friends." In Metaphilosophy and Chinese Thought: Interpreting David Hall, eds. Henry Rosemont,
March 2006


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Tao Jiang

Publications:

Book: *Contexts and Dialogue: Yogacara Buddhism and Modern Psychology on the Subliminal Mind*, University of Hawaii Press (in print)

*Journal of Indian Philosophy* 33:3, “Alayavijñana and the Problematic of Continuity in the Cheng Weishi Lun” (June 2005)  


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Publications in 2005


(2) 《西方哲学史》，译者之一，中华书局，2005 （Socrates to Sartre and Beyond: A History of Philosophy, co-translator, Zhong-hua Book Company, 2005）

(3) “韦斯特法尔宗教哲学中的人性论”《中西文化视野中的人性》，陈霞、克拉克主编，四川大学出版社，2005年（"Westphal on
Human Nature” in Human Nature in Chinese and Western Culture, ed. Chen Xia and Kelly Clark, Sichuan University Press, 2005
(5) “探索哲学教育的新路子”，与郭齐勇合写，《哲学动态》，2005年第11期 (“An Experiment in Philosophical Education: A Case Study of the Program in Comparative Philosophy at Wuhan University, co-authored with Guo Qi-yong, Philosophical Trends, No. 11, 2005)

Conference: “Wu-wei and Decentering of the Subject in Lao-Zhuang” presented at the International Symposium on Religion and Morality in Higher Education, Fudan University, October 17-19, 2005

Departmental Service: 与美国哲学协会会长Eleonore Stump教授合作在武汉大学建立西方哲学和宗教学外文书库 Norman Kretzmann Library at Wuhan University，现已经到达4000多册书籍
With the help of Eleonore Stump, the President of the American Philosophical Association (central division), establishing Norman Kretzmann Library at Wuhan University. More than 4000 books arrived at Wuhan University in 2005, and more books are expected to arrive in 2006.

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Xianglong Zhang

Books:


Papers:


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Bo Mou

Edited, wrote theme introduction and contributed to the anthology volume, Davidson’s Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy: Constructive Engagement, which is scheduled to come out in May 2006 by Brill Academic Publishers in the Netherlands. All the contributed essays in the book are previously unpublished pieces written for this volume. For the possible interest of some members, the contents of the main text of the book are given as follows:

Editor’s theme introduction: How Constructive Engagement of Davidson’s Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy is Possible

Part One: Conceptual Schemes, Relativism, and Cross-Cultural Understanding
1. Michael Krausz: Relativism and Its Schemes
2. Koji Tanaka: Davidson and Chinese Conceptual Scheme
3. Stephen C. Angle: Making Room for Comparative Philosophy: Davidson, Brandom, and Conceptual Distance

Part Two: Principle of Charity and Chinese
Philosophy
4. David Wong: Where Charity Begins
5. Yiu-ming Fung: Davidson’s Charity in the Context of Chinese Philosophy

Part Three: Rationality, Normativity, and Inter-Cultural Disagreement
6. Samuel C. Wheeler: Davidsonian Rationality and Ethical Disagreement between Cultures
7. Yujian Zheng: A Davidsonian Approach to Normativity and the Limits of Cross-Cultural Interpretation

Part Four: Meaning and Interpretation
8. A. P. Martinich: On Two Kinds of Meaning and Interpretation
10. Yang Xiao: Reading the Analects with Davidson: Mood, Force, and Communicative Practice in Early China

Part Five: Truth Concern and Dao Concern

Conference papers:
“The Lion Talk and the Happiness of the Fish: Wittgenstein and Zhuangzi on Understanding Animals”, the Third Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities (January 13-16, 2005, Honolulu, USA)


“Heidegger’s Thinking on the ‘Confrontation with the Asiatic’”, the Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (December 27-30, 2005, New York, USA)

“Self-Withdrawal and the Other Beginning: Mou Zongsan and Heidegger on the Transformation of Traditions” 自我放與另一啟始：牟宗三與海德格的傳統轉化觀及文化會通問題, the Seventh International Conference on Contemporary Neo-Confucianism (September 10-12, 2005, Wuhan, China)

Academic visit:
Heidegger Archive, Marbach (Germany), June 2005

Lin Ma

Articles:

Call for Papers

The 2006 Term of ISCWP’s “Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy”:

Philosophy of Language: Constructive Engagement of Distinctive Perspectives

Time: June 20 or 20-21, 2006 [depending on the actual size]
Place: Beijing, China

Academic Organizer
International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy (ISCWP)

Co-Sponsors
Institute of Foreign Philosophy, Peking University (Workshop Host)
The Committee on International Cooperation of the American Philosophical Association

Theme
How distinctive approaches and perspectives, from different philosophical traditions, can jointly contribute to the common issues and concerns of philosophy of language in philosophically interesting ways.

Background and Rationale
To promote the constructive engagement between Chinese and Western philosophical traditions on the front issues of contemporary philosophy and in view of their rich resources, and to provide an effective international channel and forum of academic exchange and critical discussion between interested philosophers in China and from other parts of the world, the ISCWP has established another international conference/workshop series, “Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy,” which is complementary with its “Constructive Engagement” international conference series. “Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy” is to be held annually or with one/two year gap depending on situation and need (starting from 2005). The nature and agenda of this roundtable series is also to fulfill the missions and emphases of ISCWP with a broad and engaging understanding of comparative studies of Chinese and Western philosophy, as the ISCWP “Constructive Engagement” international conference series does, but the roundtable series has its own distinctive focus and format-style. This workshop/roundtable series is quite flexible in size and organization style: it can be as small and flexible as a half-day workshop or even an informal get-together around dining table on some theme without formal commentators or as big as a formal conference, depending on situations and needs. With this platform, some good philosophers from outside of China will be brought to Beijing for academic exchange on the up-to-date development of philosophy and for dialogue between Chinese and Western philosophers on the front issues of contemporary philosophy. This forum also provides interested colleagues in China with a good opportunity of academic engagement and getting comments and criticism on their recent relevant works.

Orientation and Emphasis
The Beijing Roundtable, generally speaking, and this term on philosophy of language, specifically speaking, emphasizes the constructive engagement of distinctive approaches and perspectives from different philosophical traditions. This stress is to be implemented either through those papers that explicitly take comparative approach, or through constructive-engagement discussion of the papers that do not explicitly take comparative approach, in view of some distinctive perspectives from another tradition as well as from the same tradition. The 2006 term of the Beijing Roundtable especially welcomes the papers on the following issues
involved in comparative studies of Chinese and Western philosophy.

1) Investigating how those perspectives, insights and visions respectively from different traditions, including analytic, continental, Chinese ones, can make their joint contributions to approaching some common concerns and fundamental issues in philosophy of language (e.g., the issues of the relations between language and reality, between language and thought, and between language and logic) and other related significant issues (e.g., the issues of meaning, truth, reference, understanding and interpretation, propositional attitudes, private language, speech acts, and metaphors).

2) Examining how some conceptual and explanatory resources in contemporary philosophy of language can be used to help us enhance our understanding of, and elaborate, some significant thoughts of philosophy of language in Chinese tradition.

3) Examining how some substantial views and visions concerning the relation of language to reality, thought and logic in Chinese philosophy can be used to enrich and contribute to contemporary treatments and approaches in philosophy of language.

4) Examining how reflective interpretations of some characteristic features of Chinese language and contemporary philosophy of language, whose linguistic observation typically relies on phonetic language, can jointly enhance and contribute to our understanding the nature and structure of language.

Submission of papers: papers (limited to 3,000 words) addressing the theme (together with about 200 word abstracts) for consideration may be submitted electronically (as a MS Word attachment) to Bo Mou, the academic coordinator of the 2006 term of the Beijing Roundtable, at the following email address: bmou@email.sjsu.edu. The deadline for submission of papers for consideration is March 1, 2006. Notifications of the acceptance decision will be sent out no later than April 1, 2006.

For information concerning various aspects of the Beijing roundtable, contact Xianglong Zhang, ISCWP President (2005-8), at xlzhang@phil.pku.edu.cn. For information concerning academic organization, contact Bo Mou at the above mentioned email address.