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From the editor

Greetings fellow members of ISCWP. This issue contains announcements and summaries of a number of newsworthy events with which the Society is associated, as well as updates from its members on their activities. As you will see, ISCWP has become a major sponsor of comparative philosophy worldwide. We welcome your continued support and participation (to this end, please see the end of this newsletter for information on dues and donations). This and past newsletters are available on our web site at the following address:

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MEMBER NEWS

Stephen C. Angle, Wesleyan University

Much of my research this year was devoted to the book I am co-writing with Justin Tiwald, *Neo-Confucianism: A Philosophical Introduction*. Still, several items written in past years made their way into print during 2013:

- *Virtue Ethics and Confucianism* (Edited, with Michael Slote) (New York: Routledge)
- "The Analects and Moral Theory," in Amy Olberding, ed., *The Dao Companion to the Analects* (Springer)
- "Is Conscientiousness a Virtue? Confucian Answers," in Stephen C. Angle and Michael Slote, eds., *Virtue Ethics and Confucianism* (New York: Routledge)
- "Reply to Critics," *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 12:3 (part of a symposium on *Sagehood*, with Christine Swanton, Justin Tiwald, and Kai Marchal)
- Review of *Learning to Emulate the Wise: The Genesis of Chinese Philosophy as an Academic Discipline in Twentieth-century China*, John Makeham, ed., *The China Journal*
- Review of *Contemporary Chinese Political Thought: Debates and Perspectives*, Fred Dallmayr and Zhao Tingyang, eds., *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 12:1

Erica Fox Brindley, Pennsylvania State University

I have recently been involved in researching problems related to creativity and human agency in the excavated text, *Heng Xian*; human agency and action theory; concepts of the public and private in ancient China; and ethnicity and identity along the ancient southern frontier. My publications along these lines, including a manuscript on the ancient Yue "other," includes: *Heng Xian and Early Chinese Philosophy*, co-editor (*Dao*, 2013); "The Cosmos as Creative Mind: Spontaneous Arising, Generating, and

Creating in the *Heng Xian*" (*Dao*, 2013); "A Philosophical Translation of the *Heng Xian*" (*Dao*, 2013); "Authoring Non-Action in Early China" (*Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, special volume on *Action Theory in Chinese Philosophy* 2014); "The Polarization of *Si* 私 and *Gong* 公 ('Private interest' and 'Public Interest') in Early Chinese Thought" (*Asia Major*, 2014); and *The Ancient Yue (Viet): A Critical Approach to Ethnicity and Identity along China's Southern Frontier, ~400 BCE – 50 CE*, manuscript submitted to publisher.

Marina Carnogurska, Institute of Oriental and African Studies of Slovak Academy of Sciences

Much of my research of the last two years has focused on critical analysis of differences between Western and classical Chinese worldviews as well as what could be highly inspiring from Chinese philosophical heritage for our modern estranged and often piratical approach to environments on the Earth. It included two my articles in *Journal of Sino-Western Communications*: "The metaphysical visions in *Dao De Jing* and *Wenzi*, and the modern knowledge about the fundamental being", *JSWC*, Vol. 3, Iss. 2 (December 2011) p. 96-110; and "Importance of Laozi's Philosophical Thoughts for the Contemporary Global World", *JSWC*, Vol.4, Iss. 2, (December 2012), p. 3-12. It also included an article in Proceedings of an international conference of the University of Presov, Slovakia: "The Tradition of Chinese professional Ethics, founded on a theory of inner human ethical principles in the vivid organism of the World and the Obstacle of its Application in China as well as in our Modern World" (in Slovak language), Proceedings *Moderná Etika, minulosť a prítomnosť* (Professional Ethics, its Past and the Present). Presov FFUP 2012. In the last year was published finally also the 2nd Vol. of my monograph *Laozi and the Process of creating Dao De jing*, Veda Publishers Bratislava 2012.

**Joseph Chan, The University of Hong Kong**

I have continued to work on Confucian political philosophy and published a book *Confucian Perfectionism: A Political Philosophy for Modern Times* (Princeton, 2014). This year I hope to do more work on the issues of political authority, political rights, and political perfectionism in contemporary Western and Confucian political philosophy.

Peng Guoxiang, Zhejiang University

At the very beginning of 2014, I officially moved to Zhejiang University in Hangzhou for my Qiu Shi Distinguished Professorship although I still supervise PhD students and honorarily serve as the director of the Center for Culture China Studies, Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies at Peking University. In 2013, I published two books respectively in mainland China and Taiwan. One is *jin shi ru xue shi de bian zheng yu gou chen* 近世儒学史的辩证与钩沉 (台北: 允晨文化事业出版公司, 2013); the other is *chong jian si wen: ru xue yu dang jin shi jie* 重建斯文: 儒学与当今世界 (北京: 北京大学出版社, 2013). The first one is my study on the history of Confucianism from the Song dynasty to early Qing dynasty including two newly discovered *Li Xue Lu* 理学录. The second one reflects my concern on Confucian values and its contemporary situation in China and relevance in the global context.

Philip Ivanhoe, City University of Hong Kong

I publish on East Asian and comparative philosophy and serve as director for CEACOP, the *Center for East Asian and Comparative Philosophy* (<http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/ceacop/>), and the *Laboratory in Korean Philosophy in Comparative Perspectives* (<http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/ceacop/KPCP/>). My latest book, *Confucian Reflections: Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times*, was published by Routledge and Kegan Paul in 2013. I have a number of publications forthcoming in 2014. Among them are a feature book

review of Michael David Kaulana Ing's the *Dysfunction of Ritual in Early Confucianism* (*China Review International*) and the following essays: "Morality as an Artifact: The Nature of Moral Norms in Xunzi's Philosophy," in Justin Tiwald, ed., *Oxford Handbook of Chinese Philosophy*, (Oxford University Press), "Confucian Cosmopolitanism," in the *Journal of Religious Ethics*, "Kongzi and Aristotle as Virtue Ethicists" in Li Chenyang and Ni Peimin, eds., *Moral Cultivation and Confucian Virtues: Engaging Joel J. Kupperman*, (SUNY Press), "Senses and Values of Oneness," in Brian Bruya, ed., *The Philosophical Challenge from China*, (MIT Press), "The Nature and Possibility of Historical Understanding," in the *Journal of the Philosophy of History*, and "New Old Foundations for Confucian Ethical Philosophy: Itō Jinsai 伊藤仁斎 (1627–1705), Dai Zhen (戴震) (1722–1776), and Jeong Yakyong (丁若鏞) (1762–1836)," in *Taiwan Journal of East Asian Studies*.

Stephen Palmquist Hong Kong Baptist University

My research in 2013 focused on completing the manuscript for my monograph, *A Comprehensive Commentary on Kant's Religion within the Bounds of Bare Reason* (Wiley, 2014). However, my articles, "A Daoist Model for a Kantian Church" (*Comparative Philosophy*, 2013) and "Mapping Kant's Architectonic onto the *Yijing* via the Geometry of Logic" (*Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, 2012 Supplement), also appeared. The latter is part two of a projected six-part series; I also presented parts three and four at conferences in 2013 (in Hawaii and Seoul) and they are currently being considered for publication in relevant journals. This project posits a non-standard way of mapping the *Yijing*, by arranging its 64 *gua* into three "levels", consisting of 0, 4, 12, and 48 *gua*, respectively. I correlate each level to specific theories proposed by Kant that have the same formal-logical relationship as the *gua* at that level: the first level ("dao") corresponds to Kant's "thing in itself"; the second (*gua* 1, 2, 63, and 64) to Kant's four category headings (quantity, quality, relation, and modality); the third to the twelve "moments" in Kant's table of categories; and the fourth to three sets of quaternities (totaling 12 concepts each) that Kant



employs in his account of the metaphysical foundations for the four university faculties (i.e., philosophy, theology, medicine, and law). Once the series is complete, I hope to republish these articles as a monograph, tentatively entitled: *Changing the Changeless: Kant and the Yijing as Complementary Approaches to Analytic A Posteriori Philosophizing*.

Haiming Wen, Renmin University of China

Much of my research of the last year has focused on issues related to my forthcoming book titled *Making Intentions Concrete: Dimensions of Confucian Ethics* 儒家实意伦理学 (Renmin University Press, 2014). This includes four articles, which are: one in English: "Confucian Cultural Psychology and Its Contextually Creative Intentionality" (with Wang Hang) in *Culture and Psychology*; three in Chinese: "How Ontological Feeling/Emotion can be Ethical," in *Journal of Sun Yet-san University*; "A Comparison between Confucius' and Zhuangzi's Views on Meaning and Naming," in *Guangdong Social Science*; and "A Naturalist Version of Confucian Morality for Human Rights," in *Academy Monthly*.

I became a member of "Advisory Editorial Board" of *Asian Philosophy*, and the Associate Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Frontier of Philosophy in China*. I went to 7 countries to give keynote speeches, lectures or conferences in 2013. In May, I gave a lecture on "Reconstructing Chinese Metaphysics and its Philosophical Logic" at Cambridge University; I delivered a keynote speech on "Contextual Creativity," at Philosophy Rally 2013 "China and the West" Utrecht, Netherlands; I also gave a lecture in SOAS, University of London. I attended many conferences: in March at King's College London; in July at University of Singapore, and Sungkyunkwan University, Korea; in September I gave five lectures in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, Australia. In August 2013, I visited Florida Atlantic University and University of

Miami. I also gave many lectures in Mainland China: in March, three lectures in School of Philosophy, Wuhan University; one lecture at Wuhan Science and Technology University; I also attended many conferences in Beijing, Shanghai, Wuhan, Shandong, Hu'nan, Xiamen, and Hongkong, etc. I am also working as the director for international affairs in my school and directing the English Master program for Chinese Philosophy, Religion and Culture which invites students from all over the world.

Yang Xiao, Kenyon College

2013 was a productive year for me, despite the administrative duties I took on as the chair of the philosophy department at Kenyon. My essay "Rationality and Virtue in the *Mencius*" was published in *Virtue Ethics and Confucianism*, edited by Steve Angle and Michael Slote (2013). I have three completed essays forthcoming: "Human Nature as Habits of the Heart: Bellah on Religion in Human Evolution and History," in *Confucianism: Habit of the Heart*, edited by P. J. Ivanhoe and Sungmoon Kim; "Republican Beginnings: Liberty as Non-Domination in the Chinese Republicanist Tradition," in *Republicanism in Northeast Asian Context*, edited by Jun-Hyeok Kwak and Leigh Jenco; and "Virtue Ethics as Political Philosophy: The Structure of Ethical Theory in Early Chinese Philosophy," in *Routledge Companion to Virtue Ethics*, edited by Michael Slote and Lorraine Besser-Jones.

I have also been working on two edited volumes. The first, *Moral Relativism and Chinese Philosophy: David Wong and His Critics*, co-edited with Yong Huang, is coming out in March 2014 from SUNY Press. The second, *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of Mencius*, will be published by Springer.



Call for Papers
ISCWP PANELS AT 2014
APA EASTERN DIVISION MEETING

The **ISCWP** plans to sponsor one or two panels at this year's **Eastern Division Meeting of APA**, which will take place on December 27-30, 2014 at the downtown Marriott in Philadelphia. We hereby invite submissions.

Our Goal: We would like to encourage submissions of proposals of individual papers and panels. We encourage papers or panels that promote in-depth engagement between Chinese and Western philosophy. **The submissions will be reviewed by all the three members of the board. When we select papers, we normally try to find papers that have common theme to form a panel. You may have a better chance to be accepted if you submit a panel proposal which already has a common theme.**

Eligibility: We continue to welcome non-ISCWP members to propose papers to be included on an ISCWP-sponsored panel, or even propose a panel that is related to the ISCWP's aims, so please feel free to send this notice to philosophers who might be interested even if they are not ISCWP members yet.

Please send all submissions by **April 30, 2014**.

1. To submit a **paper proposal**, please provide a 250-300 word abstract. The abstract needs to include the presenter's name, institutional affiliation, paper title, and email address.

2. To submit a **panel proposal**, please provide an overall abstract of the panel topic of 250-300 words, including due justification. It must include the following for each chair, speaker, and commentator on your panel:

- Name as it is to appear in print
- Affiliation
- email address
- paper title and abstract (for presenters)

3. You may submit a partial panel proposal – the earlier the better - and ask for help in filling it out. We may help build panels based on partial panel proposals received early in the process.

4. Address all submissions and inquires to:

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ISCWP PANELS AT 2014
APA PACIFIC DIVISION MEETING

WEDNESDAY , APRIL 16, 2014, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
G2B International Society for Comparative Studies
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Topic:Empathy, Authority, and Wisdom in Mengzi,
Mozi, Kant, and Husserl

Chair:Yang Xiao (Kenyon College)

Speakers:

Samuel Cocks (University of Wisconsin-La Crosse)
"Phenomenological and Confucian Accounts of
Empathy"

Shirong Luo (Simmons College) "The Right to
Rebel Against Established Authority: Early
Confucians and Kant Compared"

Hui-chieh Loy (National University of Singapore)
"Theological Voluntarism in the Mozi"

Jennifer White (San Francisco State University)
"Zhi 智 (Wisdom) as a Metacognitive Virtue in the
Mengzi"



2014 TERM
“BEIJING ROUNDTABLE ON CONTEMPORARY
PHILOSOPHY”

2014年
“北京當代哲學國際圓桌學術研討會”

Theme / 討論主題

“Mohist Logical Thought and Development of
Contemporary Philosophy”
“墨家逻辑思想与当代哲学发展”

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Time 時間: 27th June 2014, Friday afternoon
014年6月27日星期五下午

Location地點: Room 109, Building 3, RenWen
XueYuan [人文學苑], Peking University, Beijing,
China

Discussion language: English and/or Chinese
学术讨论语言: 英文/中文

The 2014 Term of the ISCWP’s “Beijing
Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy”
workshop / symposium series is a small-size, half-

day workshop on the theme “Mohist Logical
Thought and Development of Contemporary
Philosophy”, which will be held at Peking
University, Beijing, China, 27th June 2014.

The aim of the 2014 “Beijing Roundtable”
workshop is this: to have an in-depth critical
examination of how, through constructively
engaging other relevant resources, Mohist logical
thought can jointly contribute to the development
of contemporary philosophy concerning the basic
principles of logic, reasoning and argumentation,
meaning, truth concern, reference, the relation
between the semantic and the pragmatic, etc.

The Beijing Roundtable workshop/symposium
series has emphasized in-depth critical discussion
on well-prepared research fruits on target issues.
At this 2014 workshop, several scholars will present
their recent research results on the theme.
Interested colleagues who have had their well-
prepared recent research writings on the theme
are welcome to contact Bo Mou (ISCWP academic
coordinator for 2014 “Beijing Roundtable”) at
bo.mou@sjsu.edu for possible presentation/critical
discussion arrangement by 1st June 2014.

Any interested ISCWP members and other
colleagues are welcome to participate in this
workshop. For further information concerning host
organization, contact Prof. Linhe Han
(hanlinhe@pku.edu.cn), the Host representative.

DUES AND DONATIONS



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suggested contribution is \$20 for regular members and \$5 for student members. Larger contributions are welcome. Regular contributions of dues are crucial if we are to maintain the impressive momentum the Society has built heretofore.

As you can see from the events reported in this and other newsletters, the Society has managed to use its modest budget to great effect, having sponsored some of the most high-profile events in comparative philosophy.

The Society stands out in having cross-regional philosophical exchange as its basic mission, and in pursuing this with great success.

If you wish to support this distinctive mission we hope you will contribute. Donations from academic centers and foundations are also welcome.

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- [Regular members \\$20.00 \(US\)](#)
- [Student members \\$5.00 \(US\)](#)

Many thanks,
Hagop Sarkissian
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