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Upcoming Events

ISCWP Panels: APA Eastern Division 2005 Meeting

Panel 1: On the Constructive-Engagement Methodological Strategy in Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy

Panel 2: Double Effect or Beyond: Comparing Double Effect, Quan, and Upaya

For details please see page 10.

From the Editor

Dear all,

In this issue you can find a number of important items: Letter from the New President, ISCWP President's End-of-Term Report by Prof. Bo Mou, Program of the International Conference "Searle's Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy" held at Hong Kong, Pre-Program of the upcoming two panels at the APA Eastern Division 2005 Meeting, and the Constitution of the 2005 term ISCWP Beijing Roundtable. We have also provided a list of Internet Sources on Comparative and Chinese Philosophy, as well as a column "Recent Dissertations". I'm grateful to all the board members and the advisor for their suggestions and comments on an earlier version of this issue. The photograph of Searle is by courtesy of Prof. Bo Mou. The internet sources in the Chinese language are generously provided by Prof. Zhang Xianglong with the aid of his students (my translations). The material for "Recent Dissertations" is kindly offered by Prof. Zhang Xianglong. I deeply appreciate their help.

"Recent Dissertations" is a new column appearing here for the first time. It aims at introducing dissertations on comparative philosophy approved in the past five years. Please contact me if your institution has promoted dissertations in this area and would like them to be presented in the ISCWP Newsletter. Thank you. This is the first issue of the ISCWP Newsletter 2005-08 term. Your suggestions and comments will be most welcome.

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Letter from the New President

Dear Members:

As the new president of ISCWP, I am now, on behalf of the board, to brief what we plan to do during the current term (2005-2008). But first, let me show my highly respectful appreciation again to the former president, Prof. Bo Mou, and secretary & treasurer, Dr. Jiang Tao, for their pioneering and excellent work done for the society in the last three years. The new board will continue to implement the mission and agenda as specified by the ISCWP Constitution. The board is composed of three persons: myself as President, Steve Angle as Vice President and Treasurer, and Lin Ma as Secretary. The three of us are now living in three different continents: Asia, North America, and Europe. With consideration of the geographic situation and the current functioning mode of our society, Steve will take charge of a large part of the society's managing jobs. Lin will take care of editing the semi-annual newsletter and membership registration. Because of his experience and geographic advantage, Prof. Bo Mou, who has become the advisor of this society according to ISCWP Constitution's stipulation, has been asked to play a role in helping organizing ISCWP academic activities.

During this term, we will continue those academic practices that have been proved to be effective and fruitful. That means, we will carry out ISCWP's academic activities primarily through its two international conference / workshop series, as well as in its panel sessions at the APA annual meetings and at some other international conferences. For the sake of membership service, we continue to maintain the ISCWP newsletter and website. It is now at <http://cfds.sjsu.edu/iscwp>; from September, it will be at <http://www.wesleyan.edu/iscwp>. Steve will act as Webmaster. We hope to add some additional useful contents and links to the site soon.

The ISCWP has two international conference/workshop series: first, the ISCWP “Constructive Engagement” international conference series; second, the ISCWP “Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy”. In respect to the first one, we have tentatively planned to hold an international conference on the methodology of comparative philosophy at Peking University (Beijing, China) either in June or in October 2007. This will provide an opportunity for academic communication in general and for promoting comparative philosophical studies in China. Due to the lamentable legacy of the Soviet Union’s academic system in China which has “divisionalized” philosophical studies and education, comparative philosophy has been seriously doubted and marginalized. However, “Chinese philosophy” as a distinctive academic area equipped with Western methodology did begin to appear from the early twentieth century and has been comparative in nature. This conference, therefore, may make its contribution to changing the situation. The conference format will be announced in the near future. Those applicable format and guidelines that turn out to be effective in organizing the previous two ISCWP international conferences will be followed while a sensitivity maintained to situational needs.

As indicated in Bo’s “President’s End-of-Term Report”, some relevant substantial preparation for the 2006 term of “Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary

Philosophy” on the theme “Philosophy of Language: Constructive Engagement of Distinctive Perspectives,” has already begun since late 2004 under the coordination by Bo Mou in cooperation with the CIC of the APA. This is a cross-term project. The Board has appointed Bo as coordinator for the 2006 term of “Beijing Roundtable” to help handle it.

The ISCWP will also continue improving the way of organizing its panel sessions at the APA annual meetings.

With your understanding and support, the new board will endeavor to do its best to implement the goals and agenda as specified in the ISCWP Constitution. Among others, one important mission is to promote academic exchange and constructive engagement between Chinese philosophy and Western philosophy (especially its mainstream traditions).

With best wishes to all of you.

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Butterfly Qi Baishi (1864-1957)

July 2005



The Second ISCWP International Conference

Searle's Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy: Constructive Engagement



June 14-15, 2005 (Hong Kong)

Initiator & Academic Organizer

International Society for Comparative Studies of
Chinese and Western Philosophy

Conference Host & Co-Sponsor

Division of Humanities, Hong Kong University of
Science & Technology

Co-Sponsor

Committee on International Cooperation of the
American Philosophical Association

June 14, 2005, Tuesday

Keynote Speech

Searle, John (*University of California at
Berkeley, USA*)

On Globalization of Philosophy

Session I

*Some Classical Problems with Cross-
Cultural Implications:*

On Searle's Approaches

Martinich, A. P. (University of Texas
at Austin, USA):
"Reference, Truth and Fiction, and John
Searle's Philosophy"

Stroll, Avrum (University of Califor-
nia at San Diego, USA)
"Searle on Knowledge, Certainty and
Skepticism"

Session II

Searle's Philosophy and Confucianism

Cheng, Chung-ying (University of
Hawaii at Manoa, USA)
"Searle's Philosophy of Mind: From a
Neo-Confucian Point of View"

Chong, Kim-chong (Hong Kong Univ. of Science and Technology, Hong Kong)

“Xunzi on Capacity, Ability and Constitutive Rules”

Nuyen, Anh Tuan (National University of Singapore, Singapore)
“Confucianism and the Is-Ought Question”

Session III

Searle's Philosophy and Daoism

Fang, Wan-Chuan (Academia Sinica, ROC-Taiwan)
“Skillfulness, Spontaneity and Daoist Sage--Taking Searle's View as a Point of Departure”

Fraser, Christopher J. (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)
“*Wu-Wei*, the Background, and Intentionality”

Krueger, Joel (Purdue University, USA)
“*Wu Wei*-ing the Alternatives: A Taoist Critique of Searle on Mind and Action”

Mou, Bo (San Jose State University, USA)
“Searle, Zhuang Zi, and Transcendental Perspectivism”

June 15, 2005, Wednesday

Session IV

Searle's Theory of Language and Reflection on Chinese Language

He, Gang (University of Shanghai for Science and Technology, China)
“Construction of a Cultural Act”

Lu, Jianyou (Xi'an Jiaotong University, China)
“Revelation of Searle's Speech Act Theory to Modern Chinese Philosophy”

Willman, Marshall (University of Iowa, USA)

**Session V
Thought**

“Searle, *De Re* Belief and the Chinese Language”

Zhang, Min (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong)
“Beyond the Literal: A Discourse Analysis of Ancient Chinese Classics”

Searle's Philosophy and Buddhist

Allinson, Robert (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)
“The Philosopher and the Sage: Searle and the Sixth Patriarch On Consciousness and the Brain”

Fung, Yiu-ming (Hong Kong Univ. of Science and Technology, Hong Kong)
“How to Do *Zen (Chan)* with Words?--A Searlean Approach”

Hongladarom, Soraj (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)

“Searle's Theory of Mind and the Buddhist Conception of the Non-Self”

Session VI

Searle on Understanding, Rules and Background: Methodological Implications to Chinese Cases

Fei, Dingzhou (Wuhan University, China)
“Understanding, Meaning and the Chinese Room Argument”

Lee, Joseph C. T. (The Hong Kong Society for Analytic Philosophy, Hong Kong)
“On Searle's Conceptions of Regulative and Constitutive Rules in View of the Chinese Practice of Criminal Law”

Lum, Jeannie (University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA)
“Searle's Theory of Intentionality as a Philosophical Method for Social Research”

Wong, Kai-Yee and Christopher J. Fraser (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)
“Weakness of Will, the Background, and Chinese Thought”

ISCWP President's End-of-Term Report



(June 30, 2005; modified on July 6, 2005)

On behalf of the 2002-5 term of the ISCWP Board, I would like to present this end-of-term report to the membership. The report consists of three parts: (1) academic activities, (2) service to members and organizational affairs, and (3) acknowledgments and appreciations. The contents of the first two parts are more or less related (e.g., those academic activities organized by the ISCWP can be viewed as academic service to the members by providing them with opportunities of academic exchange and forum).

I. Academic Activities

During this term, ISCWP's academic activities have been carried out primarily through its two distinct but complementary ISCWP international conference / workshop series and its various panel sessions at the APA annual meetings and at some other international conferences.

1. ISCWP "Constructive Engagement" international conference series

To effectively implement ISCWP's missions and agenda as specified in the ISCWP Constitution, one major ISCWP international conference series has been established, i.e., the ISCWP "Constructive Engagement" international conference series. During this period, two terms of the ISCWP "Constructive Engagement" international conferences have been held: (1) the 1st ISCWP International Conference on "Davidson's Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy: Constructive Engagement" (June 8-9, 2004; Beijing, China), co-sponsored by the Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Conference Host) and the Committee on International Cooperation (CIC) of the American Philosophical Association (APA); (2) the 2nd ISCWP International Conference on "Searle's Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy: Constructive Engagement" (June 14-15, 2005; Hong Kong), co-sponsored by the Division of Humanities, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Conference Host) and the CIC of the APA. The conference participants have rendered both conferences highly successful in regard to the fulfillment of expected goals and the quality of discussion for the sake of constructive engagement.

The 1st one came a long way. It was originally planned to hold in July 2003, with the Institute of Foreign Philosophy, Peking University, as the Conference Host. Because of the SARS outbreak in Beijing and China in the spring of 2003, the conference had to be postponed to the summer of 2004. It was a sad loss that Professor Donald Davidson passed away on August 30, 2003. Indeed, Davidson's passing away left us unable to carry out *live* engagement with Davidson himself on the unique theme of

the conference. However, with the firm support from almost all of the project participants, the Organizing Committee decided that the conference project continue both as an effective and unique way to honor Davidson's important contribution to the philosophical enterprise that has crossed cultural and national boundaries, and as a good way to fulfill the mission of the ISCWP. In response to this sad loss and its impact on the format and style of the conference, some due adjustments were made while the original theme of the conference maintained. The conference host for the re-scheduled conference was the Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). The speakers at this conference were: Stephen Angle (Wesleyan University, USA), Bo Cheng (Peking University, China), Chung-ying Cheng (University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA), Kim-chong Chong (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology), Wan-Chuan Fang (Academia Sinica, Taipei), Yiu-ming Fung (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology), Yi Jiang (Institute of Philosophy, CASS, China), Michael Krausz (Bryn Mawr College, USA), A. P. Martinich (University of Texas at Austin, USA), Bo Mou (San Jose State University, USA); Koji Tanaka (Macquarie University, Australia), Samuel Wheeler (University of Connecticut, USA), David Wong (Duke University, USA), Yang Xiao (Kenyon College, USA), Chuang Ye (Peking University, China) and Yujian Zheng (Lingnan University at Hong Kong); the session chairs are Lian Cheng (Peking University, China), He Li (Institute of Philosophy, CASS, China), Jian Li (Institute of Philosophy, CASS, China) and Xiwen Luo (Institute of Philosophy, CASS, China).

The 2nd ISCWP international conference on "Searle's Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy: Constructive Engagement" (June 14-15, 2005; Hong Kong) proceeded with the kind and generous support and careful arrangement made by the Conference Host (the Division of Humanities, HKUST). Searle gave his keynote speech "On Globalization of Philosophy". A total of 20 papers were presented, each of which was followed by Searle's comment and other participants' critical discussion. The speakers other than Searle were these: Robert Allinson (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Chung-ying Cheng (University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA), Kim-chong Chong (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology), Wan-Chuan Fang (Academia Sinica, Taipei), Dingzhou Fei (Wuhan University, China), Christopher Fraser (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Yiu-ming Fung (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology), Gang He (University of Shanghai for Science and Technology, China), Soraj Hongladarom (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand), Joel Krueger (Purdue University, USA), Joseph Lee (Hong Kong Society for Analytic Philosophy), Jianyou Lu (Xi'an Jiaotong University, China), Jeannie Lum (University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA), A. P. Martinich (University of Texas at Austin, USA), Bo Mou (San Jose State University, USA), Anh Tuan Nuyen (National University of Singapore), Avrum Stroll (University of California at San Diego, USA), Marshall Willman (University of Iowa, USA), Kai-Yee Wong (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Min Zhang (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology). The session chairs are Kim-chong Chong, Qingjie Wang (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Simon Wong (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology), Kam-ming Yip (Hong Kong University

of Science and Technology), and Yujian Zheng (Lingnan University at Hong Kong).

2. ISCWP's panel sessions at external conferences

The ISCWP regularly makes "Call for Proposals" for its prospective group panels at the APA Pacific Division meeting and the APA Eastern Division meeting. When interests warrant, the members are also 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, Europe and Australia. The ISCWP's regular panels at the APA Pacific and Eastern Division Meetings constitute a major regular forum of ISCWP on various relevant subjects. It is one of the major tasks of the ISCWP to form quality panels to implement the Society's missions and agenda. The current Board together with the association's APA panel organizing coordinators has made various serious efforts to improve the work in this respect. Steve Angle assumed the APA panel organizing coordinator during the 2002-3 and 2004-5 academic years while Alan Fox assumed the coordinator during the 2003-4 academic year.

During the year of 2002, the following ISCWP panel session was held at the APA Eastern Division 2002 meeting (December 28, 2002, Philadelphia, USA): "Author Meets Critics: Dale Wright: *Philosophical Meditations on Zen Buddhism*", Chair: Ellen Zhang (Temple University, USA); Commentator: Youru Wang (Rowan University, USA), Tao Jiang (Southern Illinois University Carbondale, USA), John Krummel (LaSalle University, USA), Jacques Fasan (Temple University, USA); Responding: Dale Wright (Occidental College, USA).

During the year of 2003, the following three ISCWP panel sessions were held at some external conferences. (1) The panel session "Comparative Approaches to Classic Asian Text" at the APA Pacific Division 2003 meeting (March 27, San Francisco, USA). Chair: Son Le (Mission College, USA); speakers: Christian Jochim (San Jose State University, USA) and Youzheng Li (Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences); commentators: Esther Su (Foundation for Studies of Chinese Philosophy and Culture, USA) and Bo Mou (San Jose State University, USA). (2) The panel session "Comparative Ethics: Confucianism versus Liberalism" at the 21st World Congress of Philosophy (August 13, Istanbul, Turkey). Chair: Bo Mou (San Jose State University, USA); speakers: Ho-mum Chan (City University of Hong Kong) and Julia Tao (City University of Hong Kong); commentator: Sor-hoon Tan (National University of Singapore). (3) The panel session "Daoism and Contemporary Philosophy" at the APA Eastern Division 2003 meeting (December 29, Washington DC, USA). Chair: Linhe Han (Peking University, China); speakers: Chad Hansen (University of Hong Kong), Robert Allinson (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Alan Fox (University of Delaware, USA), and Bo Mou (San Jose State University, USA).

During the year of 2004, the following four ISCWP panel sessions were held at the APA conferences. (1) The panel

session "Contemporary Issues in Chinese and Comparative Philosophy" at the APA Pacific Division 2004 Meeting (March 26, Pasadena-Los Angeles, USA). Chair: Bo Mou (San Jose State University, USA); speakers: Chung-yin Cheng (University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA), Marina Carnogurska-Ferancova (Slovak Academy of Science, Slovak), and JeeLoo Liu (SUNY at Geneseo, USA); commentator: Hui-chieh Loy (UC-Berkeley, USA) and Bo Mou. (2) The panel session "Variations on Daoism" at the APA Eastern Division 2004 meeting (December 28, 2004; Boston, USA). Chair: Weimin Sun (California State University at Northridge); speakers: Jay Goulding (York University, Canada), Sun Qiong Wang (University of Connecticut, USA), Hai-ming Wen (University of Hawaii, USA), Ma Lin (Leuven University, Belgium). (3) The panel session "New Meets Old: New Looks at the Old Problems" at the APA Eastern Division 2004 meeting (December 28, Boston, USA). Chair: Alan Fox (University of Delaware, USA); speakers: Wan-Chuan Fang (Academia Sinica, Taipei) and Anh Tuan Nuyen (National University of Singapore).

During the year of 2005, there were the following two ISCWP panel sessions at the APA Pacific Division 2005 Meeting (March 22-27, 2005; San Francisco, USA). (1) Roundtable Panel Topic: "Gongsun Long's 'White-Horse-Not-Horse' Argument and Contemporary Philosophy". Chair: Steve Angle (Wesleyan University, USA); speakers: Chung-ying Cheng (University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA), Yiu-ming Fung (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology), Chad Hansen (University of Hong Kong), Bo Mou (San Jose State University, USA). (2) Topic: "Language, Mathematics, and Comparative Philosophy" (March 26). Chair: Bo Mou; Speakers: Lin Ma (University of Leuven, Belgium) and Masato Mitsuda (University of San Francisco, USA); Discussant: Fern Alberts (San Jose State University, USA). There are two forthcoming ISCWP panel sessions at the APA Eastern Division 2005 Meeting (December 27-30, 2005; New York City, USA). (1) "On the Constructive-Engagement Methodological Strategy in Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy". Chair: Xianglong Zhang (Peking University, China); speakers: Manyul Im (California State University at Los Angeles, USA), Xiaofei Tu (Syracuse University, USA), Bo Mou (San Jose State University, USA); discussant: Weimin Sun (California State University at Northridge, USA). (2) Topic: "Double Effect or Beyond: Comparing Double Effect, *Quan*, and *Upaya*". Chair: Manyul Im; speakers: Josef Boyle (University of Toronto, Canada), Jinfen Yan (University of Toronto, Canada), Dan Goldstick (University of Toronto, Canada); discussant: Xiaomei Yang (Temple University, USA).

3. ISCWP's "Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy"

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 an-

other international conference/workshop series which is complementary to the current "Constructive Engagement" international conference series: "Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy," which is to be held annually or with one/two year gap depending on need (starting from 2005). The nature and agenda of this roundtable series is also to fulfill the missions and emphases of ISCWP with our broad and engaging understanding of comparative studies of Chinese and Western philosophy, as the ISCWP "Constructive Engagement" international conference series does, but has its own distinctive focus and format-style. This workshop/roundtable series is quite flexible in size and organization style: it could 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, etc. 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.

The Board has appointed Linhe Han at Peking University as Coordinator for its 2005 term on the theme "The 20th Century Analytic Philosophy: From the Point of View of Chinese Philosophers" which was successfully held on June 23, 2005 at Peking University. This term is a small size and low budget one in an effective form of workshop with constructive engagement orientation. The core team of this workshop consisted of two feature speakers, Linhe Han and Bo Mou, its chair, Xianglong Zhang, and three discussants, A. P. Martinich from University of Texas at Austin, Chuang Ye from Peking University, and Yujian Zheng from Hong Kong Lingnan University. The title of Linhe Han's paper was "A Critique of Hacker's Conception of Analytic Philosophy", and the title of Bo Mou's paper was "How to Understand Analytic Methodology and Its Constructive Future". There were also quite a few students from Peking University attending the workshop; some of them raised good questions and participated in the discussion. The success of this term has also provided some good experience for the future terms.

Some relevant substantial preparation for the 2006 term of "Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy" on the theme "Philosophy of Language: Constructive Engagement of distinctive perspectives," has already begun since late 2004 under the coordination by Bo Mou in cooperation with the CIC of the APA. This is a cross-term project which will continue under the leadership of the new Board.

II. Service to Members and Organizational Affairs

1. The ISCWP Newsletter. To strengthen the communication/connection and academic information exchange among the members, the ISCWP currently has two issues of the ISCWP Newsletter come out annually: the January issue and the July issue which have distinct focuses. The January issue is the major, regular issue in

which the annual "President's Report" appears together with other updates and the news from members. The July issue was originally designed to be a special supplementary issue on the 'bibliography updates', which provides 'news' of the updated bibliographies of literature in comparative studies of Chinese and Western philosophy, together with various relevant updates. According to the labor division among the Board members, Tao Jiang, the ISCWP Secretary assumes the editor of the January issue, while Bo Mou was editor of the July issue of 2003 and Xianglong Zhang was editor of the July issue of 2004. During the current term, three regular issues of the ISCWP Newsletter (Jan. 2003, 2004 and 2005) and two mid-year issues (July 2003 and July 2004) came out.

As the internet availability has become more and more widespread and almost all the relevant bibliography information is available on the internet, early on this year the current Board has discussed what would be a more effective way to provide the members with the relevant bibliography information; we have concluded that a more effective way is simply to directly give the members the relevant website addresses which are to be updated each year in the July issue, instead of giving itemized bibliography entries which may miss some relevant information. In this way, the current Board suggests that the July issue of each volume is to provide with the updated website addresses concerning the literature of comparative studies of Chinese and Western philosophy, the updates of the relevant academic activities, and some other due contents (e.g., the July issue of the ISCWP election year is to include the overall report by President of the previous term of the Board). The current Board also suggests that, with the workload for the July issue significantly reduced, both the January issue and the July issue of the Newsletter be taken care of by the same Board member.

2. The ISCWP website. For the sake of the effective communication and information-sharing, since 2003, the ISCWP has maintained its website at <http://cfds.sjsu.edu/iscwp>. Largely for the sake of efficiency and of saving resources, I myself have assumed the ISCWP Webmaster setting up and maintaining the ISCWP website during the 2002-5 term.

3. To strengthen the Advisorship and balance its constitution, based on the general guideline in this regard, the Board has decided to invite Professor John Searle and Professor Michael Krausz as ISCWP Advisors. The two philosophers are interested in ISCWP's missions and have accepted the invitations to serve as Advisors. John Searle is Professor of philosophy at UC Berkeley whose academic works are so well known that there seems no need to say more here. Michael Krausz is Professor of philosophy at Bryn Mawr College and editor of several fine anthologies on relativism and on interpretation. It is a sad loss that two ISCWP Advisors passed away during the 2002-5 period: they are Donald Davidson and Paul Ricoeur.

4. The ISCWP membership due and donation. With consideration of the economic and cultural differences among various regions, the ISCWP has currently carried out the policy of the voluntary membership fee. The financial resources now largely rely on the generous

donations from the members or from some other sources (either general purpose donations or the specific-purpose donations).

5. The ISCWP's non-profit tax exemption status.

The Board has 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 the IRS, the ISCWP 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 December 2002. In this way, the ISCWP can legally and favorably (at least in the USA) deal with relevant financial transactions such as donations.

6. The Election of 2005-8 Term of Board.

The ISCWP has successfully completed its election of the new Board members. The ad hoc Election Committee consisted of the following members: Yiu-ming Fung-Chair (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology), Joel Krueger (Purdue University, USA), and Lin Ma (University of Leuven, Belgium). According to the ISCWP Constitution, the president of the next Board is to be assumed by the vice president of the current Board, and the vice president and the secretary-treasurer for the next Board shall be elected every three years. In this way, Xianglong Zhang (Peking University, China), the current vice president, shall assume the president in the 2005-8 term of the Board. Based upon the election result on May 2, 2005, Stephen C. Angle (Wesleyan University, USA) will assume the vice president and treasurer, and Lin Ma (University of Leuven, Belgium) will assume the secretary. The 2002-5 term of the Board is to end on June 30, 2005, and the 2005-8 term of the Board is to assume office on July 1, 2005.

III. Acknowledgment and Appreciations

On behalf of the 2002-5 ISCWP Board, I would like to express our appreciation to the members of the ISCWP Advisory Board, which is strong and diverse, for their valuable contribution to the ISCWP's healthy development during the past three years in various ways.

On behalf of the ISCWP, I am grateful to the Committee on International Cooperation of the American Philosophical Association, under the leadership of its two chairs, Alan M. Olson (2001-4) and Ernie Lepore (2004-7), for its valuable support of the ISCWP's two "Constructive Engagement" international conferences (as their co-sponsors) and some other relevant project under preparation.

On behalf of the 2002-5 ISCWP Board, I would like to express my appreciation to all the other members of the ISCWP Academic Organizing Committees for the two ISCWP "Constructive Engagement" international conferences: Linhe Han for his role as the representative of the conference host when the Institute of Foreign Philosophy of Peking University assumed the conference host for the DD-CP conference, He Li for his role as the representa-

tive of the conference host when the Institute of Philosophy, CASS, assumed the conference host for the DD-CP conference, Yiu-ming Fung for his role as the representative of the conference host for the JS-CP conference, as well as Xianglong Zhang, Vice President. I am grateful to the members of the review teams for the two ISCWP international conferences, Yiu-ming Fung and Linhe Han for both conferences while Wan-Chuan Fang for the first one, for their very professional reviews and precious time devoted to the review process. I am grateful to all the participants (speakers and session chairs) in the two ISCWP international conferences for their valuable contribution to the success of the two conferences in various ways. I am also grateful to the members of the organizing team of the conference host for the 1st ISCWP conference, He Li and Jigang Shan, and the member of the executive committee of the conference host for the 2nd ISCWP conference, Charles Wing-hoi Chan, Kim-chong Chong, Yiu-ming Fung, Kam-ming Yip, and Min Zhang.

On behalf of the Board, I am grateful to Linhe Han for his coordinatorship and his very good preparation work for the 2005 term of the ISCWP's "Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy".

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Steve Angle and Alan Fox for their devoted contribution, serious efforts and precious time in charge of working out the quality ISCWP panels respectively at the two APA meetings in the past three years. I am grateful to all the participants (speakers, commentators or discussants as well as chairs) in the ISCWP's panel sessions at the APA Pacific and Eastern Division meetings and at some other conferences during the past three years for their allowing us to share their valuable thoughts and contributing to academic exchange in view of the ISCWP's agenda.

I am grateful to Tao Jiang for his wonderful work in designing a fine template for the ISCWP Newsletter and impressive typesetting work which are quite demanding when working out the first ISCWP Newsletter and for his serious efforts and precious time spent in working out the three January issues of the Newsletter in 2003, 2004 and 2005. I am grateful to Xianglong Zhang and his graduate students, namely Zhu Songfeng, Cai Xiangyuan, Li Jun, and Zhang Xiaohua, for their valuable and time-consuming work and precious time involved in his editorship of the "bibliography update" issue of the ISCWP Newsletter in 2004.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our special appreciation to the members of the ad hoc Election Committee for the new Board member election for their excellent work and precious time. The ad hoc Election Committee consisted of the following members: Yiu-ming Fung, Chair (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology), Joel Krueger (Purdue University, USA), and Lin Ma (University of Leuven, Belgium).

The ISCWP Board would like to deliver sincere gratitude to the following colleagues or organization for their generous and valuable donations to the ISCWP during this period (each on the list with at least US\$ 100 donation):

Kim-chong Chong
 Wan-chuan Fang
 Yiu-ming Fung
 Kenneth Inada
 Son Le
 Bo Mou
 Xianglong Zhang
 Committee on International Cooperation of the American
 Philosophical Association

The Board would also like to express gratitude to all those members who have contributed their voluntary membership fees during this period. All these substantial financial contributions significantly aid the ISCWP, a non-profit academic association, to effectively fulfill its missions and implement its academic projects.

Last but not least, I would like to express my personal appreciation to my two excellent colleagues in the Board, Xianglong Zhang, Vice-President, and Tao Jiang, Secretary-Treasurer, for their valuable support, effective collegial cooperation and constructive contributions to various board's discussions and decisions. I will miss these two able, devoted and collegial colleagues in the Board.

As for myself, indeed, on the one hand, I am pleased that I will be released from almost all the service titles after June 30 to be able to have more time to focus on my own research projects in hand, some of which are long due. On the other hand, I have sincerely valued and missed those

days when I was honored to serve you via my ISCWP position and had such opportunity to learn from you. During these days, I endeavored to try my best to fulfill my responsibilities and duties. But I have also clearly realized that the way of dealing with a thing as big as a strategic approach and as small as setting a reasonable deadline would not necessarily meet everybody's need; if that did happen, I would like to ask for your understanding and forgiveness. Thanks so much to you all: without your valuable trust, sincere cooperation and generous support, none of the abovementioned ISCWP positive things done during the past three years could be really achieved (or at least achieved in an effective way). I have learnt a lot, and will continue learning, from all of you and your scholarship.

Let us continually move forward under the leadership of the new Board which is to assume office on July 1, 2005 while the current Board ends its term on June 30, 2005.

Again, thank you all. Stay in touch.

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Recent Event

*2005 Term ISCWP Beijing Roundtable on
 Contemporary Philosophy
 On Twentieth Century Analytic Philosophy
 From the Point of View of Chinese Philosophers*

June 23, 2005

Chair: Xianglong Zhang (Peking University, China)

Speakers

Linhe Han (Peking University, China)

A Critique of Hacker's Conception of Analytic Philosophy

Bo Mou (San Jose State University, USA)

*How to Understand Analytic Methodology and Its
 Constructive Future*

Discussants

A. P. Martinich (University of Texas at Austin, USA)

Chuang Ye (Peking University, China)

Yujian Zheng (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

ISCWP Sessions at APA Eastern Division 2005 Meeting

Panel 1

Topic: On the Constructive-Engagement Methodological Strategy in Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy

Chair: Xianglong Zhang (Peking University, China)

Speakers:

Manyul Im (California State University at Los Angeles, USA) "Engaging with the Dead: Classical Confucianism, Historicism, and the Viability of Ethical Options"

Xiaofei Tu (Syracuse University, USA) "New Confucians and the Kyoto Philosophers as "Comparativists": The Cases of Mou Zongsan and Nishitani"

Bo Mou (San Jose State University, USA) "On Some Methodological Issues Involved in Constructive-Engagement of Chinese and Western Philosophy"

Discussant: Weimin Sun (California State University at Northridge, USA)

Panel Abstract

The constructive-engagement strategy in comparative studies of Chinese and Western philosophy is one characteristic approach taken by the ISCWP in fulfilling its missions. This kind of comparative strategy as a general philosophical approach consists in reflective inquiry into how, via reflective criticism and self-criticism, distinct modes of thinking, methodological approaches or points of view in different philosophical traditions or within (the complex array of different approaches of) the same tradition can learn from each other (if any) and make joint contribution to the common philosophical enterprise in view of common concerns and issues. It is widely agreed among many philosophers who are familiar with both Chinese and Western philosophies that Chinese philosophy and Western philosophy (including its mainstream traditions) are not essentially alien to one another: they have common concerns with a series of fundamental issues and have taken their characteristic approaches to them. They thus could learn from each other and jointly contribute to the common philosophical enterprise through constructive engagement.

Panel 2

Topic: Double Effect or Beyond: Comparing Double Effect, Quan, and Upaya

Chair: Manyul Im (California State University at Los Angeles, USA)

Speakers: Josef Boyle (University of Toronto, Canada), "Double Effect and Western Morality"

Jinfen Yan (University of Toronto, Canada), "Intention in Catholic Double Effect, Confucian Quan and Mahayana Upaya"

Dan Goldstick (University of Toronto, Canada), "Double Effect and Terrorism"

Discussant: Xiaomei Yang (Temple University, USA)

Panel Abstract

Roman Catholic moral teaching involves a concept of "double effect" according to which certain objectives are illicit though it may be licit to take actions, otherwise directed, of which they are the foreseeable or even foreseen results. One kind of Mahayana "skillful means/upaya" allows moral agents-in-training a slight degree of latitude in respect of minor offences, while the Confucian principle of quan (to weigh occurring events) makes it permissible to break moral rules if the moral agents act with sincerity for the good. The stress on purity of intention looks like a common element in all three teachings, but there are significant dissimilarities. Debate will be joined on what is involved as a constraint upon the imperative to do good, and whether any such constraint requires justification by reference to its good consequences. The discussion will explore the relation borne, on the one hand, to common sense morality and, on the other hand, to the current issue of defining "terrorism" as conduct to reprehend. The discussion has the potential to uncover parallels and differences between Eastern and Western ethical approaches.

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Recent Dissertations

王阳明哲学的现象学解读

A Phenomenological Interpretation of Wang Yangming's Philosophy

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内容摘要

宋明儒学发展到阳明心学,实现了一次重要的哲学转向。王阳明思想的总体特征是:一种对于终极实在(心、理、良知等等)的非对象化和生活境域化的思考方式。阳明提出的“心即理”之说,解决了二程和朱子思想的内在矛盾。“道”与生活日用、形而上与形而下的贯通,在二程和朱子思想中已有诸多表现,但终因其未能摆脱思想史上普遍存在的现成化倾向,而无法最终充分实现这种贯通。阳明思想基本上破除了这种现成化倾向,从而使“道”真正融入生活之中,形而上与形而下得以充分地贯通。阳明思想中的“心”往往意味着在生活“之中”的“投入”体验。“心即理”之说的内在含义是,让“理”置于直接可领会的生活境域之中。此“理”是生活境域中的“活理”,不再是脱离构成域的概念本质。生活中的活理自然是“知行合一”的。“良知”说则以一种“易简”功夫总括了“心即理”和“知行合一”。良知不是观念对象性的“善”,故良知自然是至善而又“无善无恶”的。

从胡塞尔开始的广义的现象学,突破了以往哲学研究的概念理论的方法。现象学悬置一切现成的前提,在直观或直接领会中达到对象,或让“现象”自己呈现。这样的“现象”是与“本质”、“本体”相通的现象,也就是构成性的“事情本身”,不同于以往概念化哲学中所处理的一切现成者。而“事情本身”的构成必然涉及到“边缘域”,或称“视域”、“境域”。此“域”是非专题化、非对象化的,又随时可以参与对象乃至主体的构成。它即有即无,先于一切现成者而在一切现成者之间,呈现出一种氤氲气象,冲虚希夷而又是最可领会者。

上述阳明思想的特征与广义上的现象学有着深切的相通之处,从而使中国哲学与西方哲学的对话不再只是自说自话而缺少相互的激发,乃至相互扭曲。在现象学的“视域”中或可揭示出阳明思想中尚未被充分注意到的某些“气象”特征。

关键词: 现象学 境域 构成 王阳明 心 理 知行 良知

Abstract

Wang Yang-ming's thought of mind signifies an important philosophical turn of Neo-Confucianism in Song and Ming. The general characteristics of Yang-ming's thought are the non-objectified ways of understanding ultimate reality, opened purely in our life-horizons. Wang Yang-ming's doctrine of "mind is principle" overcomes the paradox in Cheng brothers and Zhu Xi's thoughts, which manifests itself as the unsuccessful efforts to get rid of the dualism between Dao (the Way) or principle (li) and ordinary life. To link up Dao with life, the metaphysical with the phenomenal, is one of Zhu Xi's aims and claims. But, the linking-up has not been realized genuinely and thoroughly because of the impact of the thinking way on Zhu Xi that takes certain beings (such as "principles") as something ready-made. Dismissing the thinking way, Yangming makes Dao emerge into human life, and connects the metaphysical with the phenomenal intimately. The "mind" for Yangming can be understood as the originally "throwing-thrown" experience in life itself. The doctrine of "mind is principle" means, therefore, to let principle show itself in life-horizons that bring forth direct understanding. The principle in Yang-ming thought is "living principle" constituted and maintained in life-horizons, differing from the conceptual essence of principle outside the horizons. The living principle in life-horizons naturally has the character of "the unity of knowing and doing". "Original knowing" or "liang-zhi" is not the ideally objectifiable "goodness", but the ultimate goodness that is actually beyond the usual distinction between good and evil.

Phenomenology in broad sense, which takes its start from Husserl, breaks through the limitation set by the conceptual and theoretical methods prevailed in traditional western philosophy. Phenomenology suspends all presumptions that are not examined thoroughly, and reaches its objects only in intuitive or horizontal constitutions. In this perspective, it is intended to let phenomena show themselves in genetic contexts. Such "phenomena", as the constituted "things themselves", are in a sense identical with so called "essence" or "noumena", yet distinguishing from any transcendent beings prevailing in traditional western philosophy. The constitution of "things themselves" happens essentially in horizons, contexts or genetic regions, which is neither subjective nor objective, prior to but nevertheless merging into all possible ready-made things.

Certain harmonious relations between Wang Yang-ming's thought in such a perspective and phenomenology in broad sense can be found, and at these points the exchanging between Chinese and Western philosophies can be enhanced, which is stimulating to the both side rather than mutually distorting. During these investigations, some features of Wang Yang-ming's thought that have not been fully noticed so far, may be revealed.

Keywords: phenomenology, horizon (context, genetic regions), constitution, Wang Yangming, mind, principle, knowing-doing, original knowing (innate knowledge).