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International Society for Comparative Studies of  
Chinese and Western Philosophy

**From the editor**

*Greetings fellow members of ISCWP. Contained within this issue are announcements and summaries of a number of newsworthy events with which the Society is associated. 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:*

<http://sangle.web.wesleyan.edu/iscwp/news.html>

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## A Letter from the President of the ISCWP

*In 2012, we celebrated ISCWP's tenth anniversary with a special panel at APA and a special issue in the online journal, Comparative Philosophy. One of the most rewarding aspects of being involved in those projects is working with fellow ISCWP members, the sense of camaraderie and common interests, the goodwill displayed by those asked to help out in various ways.*

*Besides the activities specifically organized to celebrate the anniversary, last year also saw a special event at the APA Eastern division that augurs well for our society's mission. The program committee organized a Symposium in the main program on "The Relevance of Confucianism to Contemporary Political Philosophy," and all three invited speakers are ISCWP members (Erin Cline, Steve Angle and myself). Although scheduled on the first evening of the annual meeting, the symposium was well-attended. While we appreciate the interest and support of the "usual suspects," and enjoy the lively discussion sparked by questions from colleagues with expertise in the area, it is also particularly encouraging to see several new faces in the audience.*

*I was recently in Wuhan, to make some opening remarks at the Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy, being hosted outside Beijing for the first time. (See report in this newsletter.) While some might be confused by the discrepancy between name and location, it is an encouraging development for our society's main annual event, and testimony to the growing interest in comparative philosophy in mainland China. ISCWP continues to play a role in bringing together philosophers from different backgrounds and training to engage one another on various topics. As we enter a new decade, the*

*society is flourishing more than ever.*

*In less than a year, our Vice President, Yang Xiao will assume the role of President and we will have a new Vice President. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve ISCWP, together with Yang and Hagop on this Board. I am taking this opportunity to invite nominations for the next Vice President, who will in due course take on the leadership of our society.*

*Sor-hoon Tan  
National University of Singapore*

**REPORT:****2013 BEIJING ROUNDTABLE ON  
CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY**

2013年北京

“當代哲學”國際圓桌學術研討會

## Theme / 討論主題

Philosophical Issues Concerning Chinese  
Language and Development of

Contemporary Philosophy of Language

關於漢語的哲學問題與當代語言哲學發  
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Host & Co-sponsor: Department of Philosophy &  
Center for Comparative Philosophy,  
Wuhan University, China東道主/共同贊助方: 武漢大學哲學系及  
比較哲學研究中心Co-sponsor: Center for Comparative Philosophy,  
San Jose State University, USA共同贊助方: 美國加州聖荷塞州立大學  
比較哲學研究中心

The 2013 term/Wuhan of ISCWP's "Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy" workshop/symposium series,\* hosted and sponsored by Philosophy School & Center for Comparative Chinese-Western Philosophy, Wuhan University, China, and co-sponsored by Center for Comparative Philosophy, San Jose State University, is a two-day symposium. It was successfully held at Wuhan University, Wuhan, China, on 8-9<sup>th</sup> July 2013. The symposium examines a series of related issues in philosophy of language from the vantage point of

comparative philosophy, specifically focusing on the theme "Philosophical Issues Concerning Chinese Language and Development of Contemporary Philosophy of Language".

The symposium consists of six sessions on distinct but closely related topics. It began with the opening remarks by Genyou Wu (Dean of Philosophy School, Wuhan University) and Sor-hoon Tan (ISCWP President). Then each of 18 speakers in six sessions first presented the paper followed by critical discussion. The workshop ended with the closing remarks by Zhaohua Chu (Host Representative) and Bo Mou. To help the participants well-prepared for the symposium and have a quality discussion on scene, the speakers' presentation paper drafts and some other relevant background materials were sent to the core participants for warming-up preview one week ahead of time. In the symposium the participants had in-depth engaging discussion on a series of related issues on two related fronts from the vantage point of comparative philosophy: (1) on the one hand, how reflective elaboration of some features of Chinese language can bear on and promote the development of philosophy of language and deepen our understanding and treatment of some issues of the philosophy of language; (2), on the other hand, how relevant resources in contemporary philosophy of language can contribute to our philosophical elaborations of reflectively interesting issues concerning Chinese language. Based on their feedback, the participants have much enjoyed the two-day intensive critical discussion and the engaging process of learning from each other on the issues under examination at the symposium.

For the interested members' more information, the symposium program (in English and Chinese) is attached below.

Note\*: As it has been planned before, the "Beijing Roundtable" workshop series might be held in



some other locations than Beijing in case relevant conditions would allow (though typically still in Beijing for some substantial considerations); in this situation, the label 'Beijing Roundtable' is thus rendered symbolic and still kept for its constructive emblematic use in relevant ISCWP documents, though host parties can choose their own preferred workshop titles.

### Symposium Program

#### 研讨会日程

8<sup>th</sup> June, Saturday Morning  
六月八日（星期六）上午

Session I: Comparative Philosophy: Vision and Methodology / 议程一：比较哲学：视野与方法

Chair主持人：WU Gengyou 吴根友(Wuhan University 武汉大学, China)

09:15-10:00

ZHANG Xianglong 张祥龙 (Shandong University 山东大学, China): "Home (Heim/Jia) for Heidegger and Confucianism" / "海德格尔与儒家如何看待“家”?"

10:00-10:45

XIE, Xiaodong 谢晓东 (Xianmen University 厦门大学, China): "Is Revolution Justifiable?—An examination Focusing on Mencius, Locke, Hobbes and Kant" / "革命是正当的吗？—以孟子、洛克、霍布斯和康德为中心的考察"

Session II: Chinese Language and Logical Thoughts / 议程二：汉语与逻辑思想

Chair主持人：ZHANG Xianglong 张祥龙 (Shandong University 山东大学, China)

11:00-11:45

SELIGMAN, Jeremy (University of Auckland 奥克兰大学, New Zealand): "Chinese Language and

Models of Reasoning in Ancient China" / "汉语与古代中国推理模型"

11:45-12:30 YI, Byeong-uk (University of Toronto 多伦多大学, Canada): "Numeral Classifiers and the White Horse Paradox" / "数项分类词与“白马非马”悖论"

8th June, Saturday Afternoon

六月八日（星期六）下午

Session III: Chinese Language and Issue of Reference: Language and World / 议程三：汉语与指称问题

Topic (1): On Fictional and Non-Existent Objects 论虚构/非实存对象

Chair主持人：XIE, Xiaodong 谢晓东 (Xianmen University 厦门大学, China)

14:00-14:45

LIU Jixin 刘佶鑫 (Renmin University of China 中国人民大学, China): "On Non-Existent Objects" / "关于非实存对象"

14:45-15:30

YE Chuang 叶闯 (Peking University 北京大学, China): "The Difficulty with Abstract Artifact Realism in Individualizing Literary Works--- A Counter-example" / "关于抽象人工制造物的实在论在个体化文学作品上的困境：一个反例"

Topic (2): On Issue of Reference / 论指称问题

Chair主持人：CHEN Jiangjin 陈江进(Wuhan University 武汉大学, China)

15:45-16:30

GU Zhiwei 顾知巍 (Renmin University of China 中国人民大学, China): "A Modification on Causal Theory of Reference" / "对因果指称论的一个修饰"



16:30-17:15 MOU Bo 牟博 (San Jose State University 圣荷塞州立大学, USA): "A Double-Referential Structure of Ideographic Language in the Yi-Jing: Engaging Fregean and Kripkean Approaches" / "论《易经》意象语言的双重指称结构：与弗雷格思路与克里普克思路在指称如何可能问题上的互动交锋"

17:15-18:00

Xue Ray 薛瑞 (Independent Scholar, China): "Convention Argument and Two Problems of Referential Descriptions" / "约定论证和指称性限定摹状词的两个难题"

9th June, Sunday Morning  
六月九日（星期日）上午

Session IV: The Nature and Function of Language in the Chinese Context / 议程四：汉语语境下论语言性质和功能

Chair主持人：WU, Gengyou 吴根友 (Wuhan University 武汉大学, China)

08:30-09:15

TAO Feng 陶锋 (Nankai University 南开大学, China): "Adorno on Art as Expressive Language" / "苦难的表达：阿多诺的艺术语言理论"

09:15-10:00

WILLMAN, Marshall (New York Institute of Technology, Nanjing-China Campus 纽约理工学院南京分校): "Ontogenesis and Phylogenesis in the Analysis of Chinese Classifiers" / "对汉语分类词的分析：本体发生与系统发生"

10:00-10:45

XU Huanming 徐华明 (Wuhan University 武汉大学, China): "Meaning: Skepticism, Platonism and Wittgenstein" / "意义：怀疑论、柏拉图主义与维特根斯坦"

10:45-11:30

YUGUO Fei 喻郭飞 (Yunnan University 云南大学, China): "Revisit the Indeterminacy Theses within a Chinese Context" / "在汉语语境中对不确定论题的再考查"

9th June, Sunday Afternoon  
六月九日（星期日）下午

Session V: Chinese Language as Language of Philosophy / 议程五：汉语作为哲学语言

Chair主持人 WU Xinmin 吴新民 (Jiangnan University 江汉大学, China)

13:00-13:45

HE Liye 何丽野 (Zhejiang Industrial-Commercial Business University 浙江工商大学, China): "Imagination: China's Own Language of Philosophy" / "象：中国自己的哲学语言"

13:45-14:30

LIU Yi 刘益 (Xihua Normal University 西华师范大学, China): "Zen Masters' 'A is A' and Heidegger's 'A is A'" / "禅者的“A是A”与海德格尔的“A是A”"

Session VI: Ancient Chinese Philosophers on Language and Their Contemporary Significance

议程六：古代中国哲学家论语言及其现代意义

Chair主持人 LI Yong 李勇 (Wuhan University 武汉大学, China)

14:45-15:30

BROWN, Gregory David (University of Hawaii 夏威夷大学, USA): "The 7-Fold Path: The Zhuangzi Inner Chapters" / "七重路：《庄子》内篇"

15:30-16:15

CHU, Zhaohua 储昭华 (Wuhan University 武汉大学, China): From "Enjoyment (Le)" to "Speech (Yan)": On the Tension between Zhuang Zi's Vision on "Heavenly Enjoyment" and His View on Speech from the Perspective of the Haoliang Debate / "由





“乐”而观“言”：从濠梁之辩看庄子“天乐”论与语言观的矛盾张力”

16:15-17:00

WU, Gengyou 吴根友 (Wuhan University 武汉大学, China): “On Dai Zhen’s Thought of Philosophy of Language: From the Vantage Point of Comparative Philosophy” / “比较哲学视野里戴震语言哲学思想简论”

17:00

MOU Bo 牟博(San Jose State University 圣荷塞州立大学, USA)

CHU Zhaohua 储昭华 (Wuhan University 武汉大学, China): Closing Remarks 闭幕致辞

(Prepared by Bo Mou, July 2013)

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### ISCWP PANELS AT APA EASTERN DIVISION 2013

#### Panel #1: Zhuangzi and Epistemology

Chair: Suk Choi (Towson University)

Susan Blake (Indiana University)

“Knowledge and second-order skepticism in the Qiwulun”

Commentator: Manyul Im (Fairfield University)

Donald Sturgeon (The University of Hong Kong)

“Knowledge and perspectives in the Zhuangzi”

Commentator: Steven Geisz (University of Tampa)

Stephen Walker (The University of Chicago)

“Zhuangist critics of Zhuangist metaphysics”

Commentator: Yumi Suzuki (The University of Hong Kong)

#### Panel #2: “Metaphysics, Virtue, and Civil Disobedience in Comparative Perspectives”

Chair: David Elstein (SUNY New Paltz)

May Sim (College of the Holy Cross)

“Aristotle and Laozi on Metaphysics and Ethics”

Commentator: Alexis McLeod (University of Dayton)

Sean Drysdale Walsh (University of Minnesota, Duluth)

“The Scope of Moral Concern and the Exercise of the Ethical Virtues in Mencius and Aristotle”

Commentator: Suk Choi (Towson University)

Mathew A. Foust (Central Connecticut State University)

“Confucius, Thoreau, and Civil Disobedience”

Commentator: Matt Stefon (Boston University)

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### *Call for Papers or Panels* APA PACIFIC DIVISION 2014

The International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy (ISCWP) plans to sponsor one or two panels at next year's Pacific Division Meeting of APA, which will take place at the Westin Gaslamp Quarter, San Diego, California, USA, on April 16-20, 2014. 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. When the board members 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 **September 15, 2013**.

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 (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. Announcement of papers and/or panels selected for presentation will be made by late October.

5. Address all submissions and inquiries to:

**Yang Xiao**

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## CHINESE PHILOSOPHY: MAP OF THE PROFESSION

Some time ago I began making a map of scholars working in Chinese philosophy in New England (i.e. Northeast US). I then started fanning out to other sections of the U.S., and quickly realized that it would be much better to make this a collaborative effort. So I made the project accessible to the public and, as expected, the map has been growing ever since.

*My goal is to expand the map to include all academics (faculty and graduate students) as well as independent scholars, working anywhere on the planet, working on Chinese philosophy. I hope this can be a resource to allow researchers to contact one another and organize local meetings.*

If you haven't already done so, please have a look at the map. Here is the link:

### [Chinese Philosophy – Map of the Profession](#)

You can explore the map, and consult the small list of people in the left hand pane.

**Here are some instructions on how to add yourself—or someone you know in the field—to the map. Note: You will need a Google ID / Gmail account to edit the map.**

*The process should only take a few minutes.*

STEP 1: Follow these directions *first* to add the Chinese Philosophy map to your Google account:

1. Make sure you are signed into your Google account
2. Go to [Chinese Philosophy – Map of the Profession](#)
3. Click on the 'Save to My Places' link above the red 'Edit' button. (If you don't see the button then you're not signed in.)



You should now see 'Chinese Philosophy – Map of the Profession' when you click on 'My Places' in Google Maps. Once you've done this step, you can add people to (or otherwise edit) the map.

STEP 2: Add someone to the map:

1. Make sure you are signed into your Google account
2. Go to **Google Maps**
3. Search for your university / college **first** (if applicable), using the university / college name. [NOTE: You can be as specific as you'd like, including using your building, department or street address if you prefer. This might be useful if there are multiple scholars working in the field at your university.]
4. When you get the right result (should be near the top of the results), click on the place marker (will usually be a pink 'A' balloon on the map)
5. After clicking on the place marker, click on 'save to map' in the pop up info box, then select the 'Chinese Philosophy – Map of the Profession' map
6. Next, click on 'My Places', and then on 'Chinese Philosophy – Map of the Profession', and hit the red 'Edit' button.
7. Scroll to the bottom of the list to find the place you just added, and then add the person's name to the title, and put the university in brackets (following the format of the other entries).
8. If applicable, add a link to the person's website in the description box, or a brief statement of their research areas.
9. Click on 'Done' at the top of the list (important)

If you have questions or comments, please add them to [the existing thread at Warp, Weft, and Way](#).

(prepared by Hagop Sarkissian)

## Dues and Donations



ISCWP's dues are voluntary but much needed. The 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 newsletter, 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.

We offer two ways of contributing dues:

### ***By check***

Please make your check payable to ISCWP and send it to the following address:

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One Bernard Baruch Way  
New York, NY 10010  
United States





***On-line (preferred)***

For the convenience of our members, we have established a Paypal account, which enables members to contribute dues by credit card. To use this method, please go to the Member page of ISCWP's website and click on the appropriate button. You can also click directly on the appropriate links below:

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

Many thanks,  
Hagop Sarkissian  
Secretary-Treasurer



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