

**The 2009 Term of
“Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy”
with theme
“Contemporary Metaphysics
and Metaphysical Thoughts in Classical Chinese Philosophy”**

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

Co-sponsor & Host: The School of Philosophy / Center for Chinese and Comparative Philosophy, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China

Co-sponsor: Center for Comparative Philosophy, San Jose State University, USA

Time: 26th June 2009, Friday (tentative)

Location: The School of Philosophy, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China

Discussion language: Chinese and/or English

The 2009 term of the ISCWP’s “Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy” workshop series is to focus on the issue of metaphysics with the theme “Contemporary Metaphysics and Metaphysical Thoughts in Classical Chinese Philosophy”. The format of the 2009 term is that of a half-day workshop.

This workshop is intended to provide a critical discussion forum for a number of papers that are expected to present original ideas on the theme that are well explained and justified. The paper-selection emphasis is on those submitted papers that (1) creatively explore how distinct approaches from contemporary metaphysics (in any traditions) and from classical Chinese philosophy can constructively engage with each other and make their joint contributions to some significant issues and concerns in metaphysics in philosophically interesting ways, and/or (2) employ relevant and effective conceptual/explanatory resources in contemporary metaphysics to interpret/elaborate some metaphysical thoughts or approaches in classical Chinese philosophy for the sake of enhancing our understanding of them and/or for the purpose of (1).

Papers (limited to 3,000 words) that are considered by the authors to meet the foregoing relatively high expectation may be submitted electronically (as a MS Word attachment) by **1st May 2009** to Bo Mou, the ISCWP coordinator for the 2009 term of Beijing Roundtable, at the following email address: bo.mou@sjsu.edu. Any interested ISCWP members and other interested colleagues are welcome to participate in this workshop. For further information concerning its academic coordination, contact Bo Mou; for further information concerning its host organization, contact Dr. Haiming Wen, the Host representative, at wenhaiming@ruc.edu.cn.