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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 and Updates

Hagop Sarkissian, Baruch College

In the past two years a number of projects in Chinese philosophy have seen the light of day. Two papers in comparative moral psychology argue for connections between classical Confucian ethics and contemporary moral psychology. In "Is self-regulation a burden or a virtue? A comparative perspective" (*The Philosophy and Psychology of Character and Happiness*, Routledge), I draw on classical Confucian sources to argue that self-regulation is seen as a virtue within the tradition, and draw on experimental evidence to argue for its validity and importance. In "When you think it's bad it's worse than you think: Psychological bias and the ethics of negative character assessments" (*The Philosophical Challenge from China*, MIT), I suggest that we ought to take seriously the fact that many of our negative assessments of others might be biased and epistemically suspect, and again use resources from classical Confucianism to inform my presentation. I have also published a paper in the cognitive science of religion, exploring the extent to which a popular account ("the supernatural monitoring hypothesis") may or may not be applicable to classical China (in *Religion, Brain, & Behavior*). These papers (and many others) are available on my website: www.hagopsarkissian.com. The coming year looks to be busy, with other papers set to appear in various venues, and with conference presentations in Hong Kong, Japan, and elsewhere. Hope we cross paths!

Stephen C. Angle, Wesleyan University

Much of my research and writing this year has been aimed toward completing a book that Justin Tiwald and I are co-writing, to be called "Neo-Confucianism: A Philosophical Introduction." I hope to have good news about that next year! In

the meantime, my book *Contemporary Confucian Political Philosophy: Toward Progressive Confucianism* has now come out in Chinese translation:

《当代儒家政治哲学：进步儒学发凡》

[*Contemporary Confucian Political Philosophy: Toward Progressive Confucianism*]. Han Hua, trans. (Nanchang: Jiangxi People's Press, 2015)

In addition, several articles saw the light of day over the last year:

"Zhu Xi's Virtue Ethics and the Grotian Challenge," in David Jones and He Jinli, eds., *Returning to Zhu Xi: Emerging Patterns within the Supreme Polarity* (SUNY Press)

"Western, Chinese, and Universal Values," *Telos* 171

"美国儒学：在传统与普世价值之间 [American Confucianism: Between Tradition and Universal Values]," in 《传统与启蒙：中西比较的视野》 [*Tradition and Enlightenment: East-West Comparative Perspectives*] (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Press)

"Virtue Ethics, The Rule of Law, and the Need for Self-Restriction," in Brian Bruya, ed., *The Philosophical Challenge from China* (MIT Press)

"World Virtue Ethics," in Lorraine Besser-Jones and Michael Slote, eds., *The Routledge Companion to Virtue Ethics* (Routledge)



Marina Carnogurska, Institute of Oriental and African Studies of Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovak Republik, E.U. (retired)

As the past year 2015 was the year of my 75th birthday, the main milestones of me were connected with it: - on August 25th, 2015, at the 9th Award Ceremony of the Special Book Award of China, I received in Beijing a special Award for my lifetime translation work, translations of classical Chinese philosophical and literary texts. At the same time, *Journal of Sino-Western Communications* presented its whole 1st Issue (215 pages) of Volume VII (June 2015) to my Festschrift, including also my selected bibliography, an interview, and memories and reminiscences of my students and colleagues. But the main thrust of my philosophical work focused last year on publishing my paper “Modern World Needs Laozi’s Wisdom about the Substance of Being and living in Harmony with Nature” for the American journal *Sociology and Anthropology*, 3rd Vol. (2015), Issue 4th, pp. 207-217, DOI:10.13189/sa.2015.030401, <http://www.hrpub.org> (It was published there under my married name Maria Ferancova). All my further scholarly research activities were focused on the literary-philosophical research of Cao Xueqin’s *Honglou meng*, resulting in paper “Why it would be much more correct to understand HLM as *A Dream about the Red Pavillion*, and not as *A Dream of the Red Chamber*, and why the author of its last 40 chapters cannot be Gao E?” It was published in Proceedings (ed.) Woesler, M.: *300th Anniversary of Cao Xueqin – 3rd International Dream of the Red Chamber Conference Europe, Conference Volume*, Folkwang University of Arts in Essen, Germany, 2015, pp. 19 – 32, where I participated at that conference with this paper.

Yang Xiao, Kenyon College

My essay “Virtue Ethics as Political Philosophy: The Structure of Ethical Theory in Early Chinese Philosophy”, included in *Routledge Companion to Virtue Ethics* (ed. Michael Slote and Lorraine Besser-Jones), has come out in 2015.

I am currently working on an edited volume, *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of Mencius*, which is expected to be published in 2016.

Bryan W. Van Norden, Vassar College

Bryan W. Van Norden of Vassar College is now the Series Editor for *Routledge Studies in Contemporary Chinese Philosophy*, which seeks to translate into English the best recent work in Chinese philosophy. Van Norden was a Visiting Scholar at the School of Philosophy of Wuhan University in the Fall of 2014. He has recently published “Zhuangzi’s Ironic Detachment and Political Commitment” in *Dao* and has two articles forthcoming in Chinese, 儒家伦理思想是不是属于美德伦理学 (Is Confucian Ethical Thinking a Form of Virtue Ethics)? in 哲学评论 (武大哲学院) (Philosophical Review [of the Wuhan University School of Philosophy]) and 在美国研究孔子的学说:三个学派 (*Journal of South China Normal University*). With Justin Tiwald, Van Norden co-edited and contributed to *Readings in Later Chinese Philosophy: Han to the 20th Century* (Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing, 2014). Van Norden has written two articles for the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, on Mencius and on Wang Yangming. He has also done several presentations on Chinese philosophy for the general public, including a Ted-Ed video, “Who Was Confucius?” (available on youtube), and “Confucius on Gay Marriage” (regarding the citation of Confucius in the recent Supreme Court decision legalizing gay marriage), written for *The Diplomat* and translated into Chinese for several websites.



Sarah A. Mattice, University of North Florida

In 2015 I prepared for publication and published several essays and chapters on a range of topics in Chinese and Comparative Philosophy. These include two pieces on teaching: "But Do They Know Its February in China? And Other Questions of Authority and Culture in Comparative Classrooms," in a special issue of *ASIANetwork*, forthcoming in 2016, and "Methodological Inspiration for Teaching Chinese Philosophy," in *Chinese Philosophy and Methodologies*, ed. Sor-hoon Tan, forthcoming 2016. I also published a co-authored piece with Leah Kalmanson, "The De of Levinas: Cultivating the Heart-Mind of Radical Passivity," in *Frontiers*. My essay, "Daoist Aesthetics of the Everyday and the Fantastical" will be published this year in the edited volume *The End of Art and the Promise of Beauty*, ed. Kathleen Higgins, Shakti Maira, and Sonia Sikka. I have two additional book chapters that were published or accepted in 2015, "Confucian Role Ethics in the 21st Century: Domestic Violence, Same-sex Marriage, and Christian Family Values," in *Feminist Encounters with Confucius*, ed. Sor-hoon Tan and Mathew Foust, and "Perspectives from China: Social Media and Living Well in a Chinese Context," in *Social Media and Living Well*, ed. Mitch Haney and Berrin Beasley. I am currently finishing a piece on Confucian Role Ethics, and starting to work on a piece dealing with translation and Chinese Buddhism for the 2016 East West Philosopher's Conference.

Guoxiang Peng, Qiu Shi Distinguished Professor of Chinese Philosophy, Intellectual History and Religions, School of Humanities, Zhejiang University

In 2015, Guoxiang Peng published two books: (1). *Revision and New Discovery: Historical Study of Pre-Modern Confucianism from Northern Song till Early Qing Dynasty* 近世儒學史的辨正與鉤沉 by Zhonghua Book Store中華書局 in Beijing. Previous traditional Chinese version was published in Taipei in 2013 by Asian Culture Press

允晨文化出版公司. (2). *The Unfolding of the Innate Knowledge of the Goodness: Wang Ji and the Yangming Learning in Mid-Late Ming* 良知學的展開：王龍溪與中晚明的陽明學 in Beijing by Sanlian Book Store三聯書店, a revised and enlarged version of which was respectively published in traditional Chinese by Student Book Store學生書局 in Taipei in 2003 and in simplified Chinese by Sanlian Book Store in 2005. In the beginning of 2016, his *This-worldly Concern: The Political and Social Thought of Mou Zongsan(1909-1995)* 智者的現世關懷：牟宗三的政治與社會思想 is going to be published by Linking Press聯經出版公司 in Taipei in March.



The ISCWP will continue to sponsor panels at the 2016-17 APA Meetings, as well as the 2016 Beijing Roundtable. Calls for Papers and additional announcements will be sent to members by email and posted on the website.

ISCWP PANELS AT 2016
APA EASTERN DIVISION MEETING
Washington D.C. January 6-9th

SESSION 1

Topic: Continental Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy: A Comparative Perspective

Chair: Sarah Mattice (University of North Florida)

Speakers:

Aaron Creller (University of North Florida) "De-Orienting Comparative Philosophy: Approaching the 'West' from China"

Shuchen Xiang (University of York) "A Confucian Theory of Knowledge: The Importance of Culture (wen) for Confucius's Philosophy"

Joanna Guzowska (University of Warsaw)
"The Aesthetic in Kant and Zhuangzi"

SESSION 2

Topic: Searching for the Source of Morality in Chinese and Western Philosophy

Chair: Sarah Mattice (University of North Florida)

Speakers:

Angel Ting (Hong Kong Baptist University) "The Genealogy of Morals in the Zhuangzi"

Sai-lok Nam (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology) "*Person and Collective Person: Dialogue between Max Scheler and Confucius*"

Sai Hang Kwok (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology) "Ming and the Other: Rethinking the Source of Responsibility in Early Confucianism"

ISCWP PANELS AT 2015 APA PACIFIC

SESSION 1

Topic: Skepticism, Friendship, Perception, and Home: Views from Zhuangzi, Confucians, Montaigne, and Heidegger

Chair: Eirik Lang Harris (City University of Hong Kong)

Speakers:

Gordon B. Mower (Brigham Young University) "Darkening Counsel by Words Without Knowledge: Zhuangzi and Montaigne Finding Something to Say and a Way to Live"

Li-Hsiang Lisa Rosenlee (University of Hawaii West Oahu) "From Greek Philia to Confucian You: A Hybrid Friendship as Spousal Relationship"

Xianglong Zhang (Shandong University)

"Home (Heim/Jia) for Heidegger and Confucianism"

Anna M. Hennessey (University of California Berkeley)
"Neiguan and the Ontology of Visualized Mental Imagery"

SESSION 2

Topic: Mencius: Comparative and Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Speakers:

Lijun Yuan (Texas State University San Marcos) "Hume, Mengzi, and Feminism on Extensive Virtue: A Comparison of Trio Regarding Moral Epistemology"

Sean Drysdale Walsh (University of Minnesota Duluth)
"Mencius, Kant, and Ameliorating the Risk of Failing in Our Obligations"

Dobin Choi (University at Buffalo)

"Moral Artisanry: Mengzi 6A7 Revisited"

Joseph Harroff (University of Hawaii at Manoa)

"Rhythmanalysis, Pragmatic Somaesthetics, and 'Resolute Habituation' Shendu: An Experimental Account of Si-Meng Confucian Axiological Metaphysics"



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 Society's impressive momentum. 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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