Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy

47th Annual Conference: October 1-4, 2015

Hosted by:
Monterey Beach Resort
Monterey, California

Theme:
“The Past, Present, and Future of Cross-Cultural Philosophy”
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

2:00-3:30: Conference Registration – Hotel Lobby

3:30-5:30: Plenary Session

Gender in Indian Philosophy and Literature – La Grande

Ann Laura Funes Maderey, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa (1st Prize Winner, SACP Graduate Student Essay Award), “Liṅga and Sukṣma: A Feminist Phenomenological Analysis of the Subtle in Classical Sāmkhya.”

Chris Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, “Prakṛti, Cudala, Pārvati and the Construct of Feminine Power.”

Geoff Ashton (Chair), University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, “Ardhanārīśvara or ‘The Lord of Dance who is Half-Woman:’ Performative Liberation and Divine Androgeny in Kashmir Śaivism.”

Veena Howard, California State University, Fresno, “Queen Gāndhārī’s Lament in the Mahābhārata: Philosophical and Literary Perspectives.”

5:30-7:00: Dinner – PT Cabrillo

7:00-9:00: Plenary Session

Methodology in Chinese Philosophy – La Grande

Roger T. Ames, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, “Ars Contextualis: Philosophizing with Ancient Chinese Texts.”

Ronnie Littlejohn, Belmont University, “On What It Means to ‘Let a Text Speak for Itself:’ Philosophizing with Classical Chinese Texts.”

Eva Kit Wah Man, Hong Kong Baptist University, “Methodological Reflection on Understanding Chinese Bodies: Philosophy, Aesthetics and Gendered Politics.”


Sarah Mattice, University of North Florida, “Methodological Inspiration for Teaching Chinese Philosophy.”
9:00-10:30: Concurrent Sessions

**Metaphysics in Cross-Cultural Perspectives – North Bayview**

Chánh Công Phan, San Jose State University, "The *Zhou Yi Jing* and the Early Vietnamese Bronze Drums: Two Parallel Visions of the Ultimate Reality."

Puja Pari Das, Indian Institute of Technology, "An Intercultural Study of *brahman* and Being."

Paulina Rivero Weber, Universidad Nacional Autonome de Mexico, "Making Possible the Impossible: Teaching of the *Dao De Jing*."

**The Powers of Transformation in Self and World – South Bayview**

Arkadiusz Gut, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin / Michal Wilczewski, University of Warsaw, "A Metaphilosophical Analysis of Mind-Reading Ability and Understanding the Mind-Body Concept Across Cultures."

Robert F. Mullen, California Institute of Integral Studies, "Panentheism and Involution/Evolution: Facilitating Plato's Doctrine of Recollection."

Jack Petranker, Center for Creative Inquiry, "A Tibetan Lama Speaks to the Modern Mind: The Time-Space-Knowledge Vision of Tarthang Tulku."

Gino Signoracci, University of New Mexico, "Liberation in *Nyāya*, *Sāmkhya*, and *Advaita*."

10:30-10:45: Coffee/Tea Break

10:45-12:30 Plenary Session

**Situating *Confluence* within the Past, Present and Future of Cross-Cultural Philosophy – La Grande**

Monika Kirloskar-Steinbach, University Konstanz, “Situating *Confluence* within the Past, Present and Future of Cross-Cultural Philosophy.”

Peter S. Groff, Bucknell University, “Remarks on the Notion of ‘Tradition.’”

Leah Kalmanson (Chair), Drake University, “The Question of Methodology in Comparative Philosophy.”

12:30-2:00  Lunch – PT Cabrillo

2:00-3:30  Concurrent Sessions

Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Social and Political Issues  – Bayview North

Mosigbodi Bamidele Amuda, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, “Inertial Citizens in Africa: Taking Lessons from Confucianism and IFA.”

Marthe Chandler, DePauw University, “Confucian, Western, Islamic: Will the Real Democracy Please Stand Up?”

Peter S. Groff, Bucknell University, “Nietzsche’s Camel: A Philosophical Defense of Taqlid.”

Experience, Concepts and Reality in Cross-Cultural Debate  – Bayview South

Itsuki Hayashi, Kyoto University, “Can Flux Bring About Flux: The Inconclusiveness Objection against Radical Impermanence and a Buddhist Response.”

David Heisse, Humboldt State University, “Evolution of the Vedântic Argument for Turīya: Presupposition, Phenomenology, Deduction, Abduction.”

Clinton Carl, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles (2nd Prize Winner, SACP Graduate Student Essay Award), “The Therapy of Philosophy: Zhuangzi and Wittgenstein on Abstraction.”

3:30-3:45  Coffee/Tea Break

3:45-5:15:  Concurrent Sessions

Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspectives  – Bayview North

Mary I. Bockover, Humboldt State University, “Sex, Gender, and Self: Rectification of Names in a Contemporary World.”
Robin R. Wang, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, "Engaging with the Past: Dao and Feminist Thought."

Michiko Yusa, Western Washington University, "Nishida Kitaro’s 1932 Lecture to Women Students on ‘Time and Person.’"

The Places of Emotion and Psychology in Cross-Cultural Thought – Bayview South

Mary D. Renaud, Brown University, “The Impermissibility of Righteous Anger in Theravāda and Mahāyāna Buddhism.”

Karsten J. Struhl, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, “Buddhist Compassion and Righteous Anger.”

Rafal Banka, Jagiellonian University, “Psychological Argumentation in Confucian Ethics as a Methodological Issue in Cross-Cultural Philosophy.”

Mohammad Monib, Mohammad Sadegh Aminin, International Institute of Islamic Studies, “The Nature and Stages of Love in Islamic Mysticism.”

5:15-6:00: SACP General Member Meeting – La Grande

6:00-7:30: Dinner – PT Cabrillo

7:30-9:00 Plenary Session – La Grande

Women and Buddhist Philosophy
(Author Meets Critics: on Jin Y. Park’s Reflections of a Zen Buddhist Nun: Essays by Zen Master Kim Iryŏp)

Hwansoo Ilmee Kim, Duke University, “From Pro-clerical to Anti-clerical Marriage: Kim Iryop’s Attitude towards Celibacy.”

Erin McCarthy, St. Lawrence University, "Kim Iryŏp: Buddhist Feminist?"

Eric S. Nelson, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology/University of Massachusetts-Lowell, "Kim Iryŏp’s Existential Buddhism."

Respondent: Jin Y. Park, American University.
SATURDAY, OCT 3rd

9:00-10:30: Concurrent Sessions

**Reality and Ethics in Cross-Cultural Debate – PT Alones**

Gordon Davis, Carleton University, “Moral Realism without Metaphysical Realism: Yogācāra Buddhism and Contemporary Meta-Ethics.”

David W. Johnson, Boston College, “The Role and Significance of Milieu in Watusji’s Ontology of the Self.”

Dobin Choi, State University of New York at Buffalo (3rd Prize Winner, SACP Graduate Student Essay Award), “Profit and the Consequential Effect of Virtue: Mengzi 1A1 Revisited.”

**Nature and Environmentalism – PT Pinos**


Nickolas Knightly, University of California, Santa Cruz, “Returning to the Mountains and Rivers: The Ecological Crisis as Koan.”

Jing Liu, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, “What is Nature? Ziran in Early Daoist Thinking.”

10:30-10:45 Coffee/Tea Break

10:45-12:15: Concurrent Sessions

**Looking towards a Future in Cross-Cultural Thought – PT Alones**

Patricia Huntington, Arizona State University, “It Takes Two to Tantra! Interior and Exterior Paths of Cognitive Liberation: Kierkegaardian and Yogācāra Thoughts on the Future.”

Joel LeBel, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, “Transfiguring Comparative Spaces in Post-Comparative Futures.”
Sydney Morrow (Chair), University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, “Exhausting Future Possibilities: The Liberated Philosophy of Jin Yuelin and Engagement in Preferred Futures.”

**Negotiating Boundaries in Cross-Cultural Discussion – PT Pinos**

Kyung s. Hong, Drew University, “Korean Shamanism: from Tradition to Change in the U.S. Diasporic Landscape.”

David H. Kim, University of San Francisco, “Experiments in East-South Political Philosophy: The De-Colonial Thought of W.E.B. Du Bois and Jose Mariategui.”

John Ramsey (Chair), Denison College, “Confucian Social Roles: What Early Confucianism can Contribute to the Contemporary Social Role Literature.”

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12:15-2:00   Lunch

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2:00-3:30:  Concurrent Sessions

**Chinese Legacies and Cross-Cultural Implications – PT Alones**

Dennis Arjo, Johnson County Community College, “Xunzi on What Separates Humans and Other Animals: Some Mencian Considerations.”

Jinli He, Trinity University, “Aesthetics of Chinese Self-Portrait Landscape Painting.”

Quinn Lester, Johns Hopkins University, “Lu Xun and an Intervention in Literature, Violence and Politics.”

**Cross-Cultural Thought and Pluralism – PT Pinos**

James Mark Shields, Bucknell University, “Re-envisioning Self, Society, World: Reflections on Comparative Philosophy as Critical Constructive Engagement.”

Kim Skoog, University of Guam, “Is Philosophical Pluralism the Future of Comparative Philosophy?”

Young-chan Ro, George Mason University, “Globalization, Pluralism and Cross-Cultural Spirituality.”

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3:30-3:45   Coffee/Tea Break
3:45-5:45: Plenary Session

The Future of the Study of Indian Philosophy – La Grande

Amy Donahue, Kennesaw State University, “A Proposal for a ‘Quandary’-Based Method of Cross-Cultural Philosophy.”

Laura Guerrero, Utah Valley University, “Poaching or Curating? The Challenge of Situating Indian Philosophy in Western Academia.”

Jeremy Henkel, Wofford College, “Commenting on the Source Texts: What can Naiyāyikas learn from Confucians?”


Ethan Mills (Chair), University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, “Whither the Matilal Strategy?: On Indian/Analytic Comparisons.”

6:00-7:30 Dinner – La Grande

7:30-9:00: 2015 SACP Keynote Address – La Grande

Fred Dallmayr, University of Notre Dame, “Cross-Cultural Philosophy and World Maintenance.”

SUNDAY, OCT 4th

9:00-10:30 Concurrent Sessions –

Indian Philosophical Boundaries, Past and Present – PT Alones

Dimitry Shevchenko, University of New Mexico, “Hegelian Dialectic and Liberation from Suffering in the Śāṃkhyakārikā.”

Roopen Majithia (Chair), Mount Allison University, “The Intended Target of the Bhagavad Gītā’s Response to Early Buddhism.”

Jonathan S. Miller, University of Texas at Tyler, “What is the Buddha’s Not-Self Teaching?”
Anand Jayprakash Vaidya, San Jose State University, “Integrating Indian Philosophical Materials into Contemporary Critical Thinking Textbooks.”

**Hermeneutics and the Past in the Present – PT Pinos**


Purushottama Bilimoria, University of Melbourne, UC Berkeley, and Graduate Theological Union, “Frits Staal and Daya Krishna: A Tribute to their Counter-Intuitions for Indian and Comparative Philosophy.”

Qingjie James Wang, Chinese University of Hong Kong, “Did the Jesuit Fathers Manufacture Kong Fuzi?”

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**10:30-10:45: Coffee/ Tea Break**

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**10:45-12:15: Plenary Session**


Leah Kalmanson (Chair), Drake University, “What Is Tetsugaku?: Japanese Negotiations with the Philosophy-Religion-Pagan Paradigm via Western Colonialism.”

Bret W. Davis, Loyola University Maryland, “What is (Japanese) Philosophy?”

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**12:30-2:00 Farewell Lunch – TBA**
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