Conference Program

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
51st Annual Conference: June 18-21, 2019

Arts of Understanding

Hosted by:
Bath Spa University

in collaboration with
The 5th Bath Spa Colloquium for Global Philosophy and Religion
Tuesday, June 18, 2019

VENUE: Bath Spa University
Commons Building (CM) & Newton (NE), Newton Park Campus, Newton St Loe, Bath

14:30 – 15:30 Registration CM.137

Hall CM.G23/24
15:30 – 15:45 Welcome Address

15:45 – 17:15 INAUGURAL PLENARY SESSION

Hall CM. G23/24

SESSION 1: Graduate Student Essay Contest Winners
Chair: Jin Y. PARK, American University, USA

First prize:
Dawid ROGACZ, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland
- The Art Of Understanding of What Is No Longer Present: On Zhang Xuecheng’s Philosophy Of History

Second prize:
Chris ZAJNER, Queen’s University, Canada
- Vivekananda’s Critique of the Will as Brahman in Schopenhauer

Third prize:
Lea CANTOR, University of Oxford, UK
- Zhuangzi and the Limits of Human Knowledge

17:15 – 17:30 Coffee break (room 137)
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**17:30 – 19:00 PLENARY SESSION**

Hall CM. G23/24

**SESSION 2:** Chair: Bryan Van NORDEN, William, Yale-NUS College, Singapore

Qian LIN, Qingdao University, China
- Did the Buddha have a metaphysics? On the Buddha’s attitude toward philosophy in the early sutras

Karsten STRUHL, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY), USA
- What Kind of an Illusion is the Illusion of Self?

Jin Y. PARK, American University, USA
- Derrida, Buddhism, and the Art of Misunderstanding

**19:15 – 21:00 Welcome Reception** at the Main House Building: MH G17 (East Wing)
PAPER PRESENTATION: please limit your presentation time to **15-20 minutes**.
There are mostly three presenters per session / panel, and each runs for a total of **90 minutes**.

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<td>A. RAGHURAMARAJU, Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, India</td>
<td>- The politics of knowledge production in the internationalization of feminist scholarship</td>
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<td>- Comparison with and within Indian philosophies: Reclaiming the contribution of Gauḍapāda</td>
<td>Yves VENDÉ, Centre Sevres, Paris, France</td>
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<td>Daniel RAVEH, Tel Aviv University, Israel</td>
<td>- Doubt and knowledge: understanding virtue as a practical ability</td>
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<td>Dor MILLER, Tel Aviv University, Israel</td>
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| Geoff ASHTON, University of San Francisco, USA  
  - On the Life of Nature and the Nature of Life in the *Sāṃkhya Kārikā*: Reading *Vyāktaprakṛti* through the Lens of Goethe's Organics  
  Marzenna JAKUBCZAK, Pedagogical University of Cracow, Poland  
  - Understanding of the Alien, *Sāṃkhya-yoga* through the Lens of Waldenfels’ phenomenology  
  Kim BAXTER, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY), USA  
  - Comparing Ancient Traditions on the Elements of the Self | Jea Sophia OH, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, USA  
  - Cosmopolitan Harmony with Eco-Family: The Art of Eco-Caring and Understanding  
  Shiyan LI, School of Marxism, Shenyang University of Technology, and Shifeng LIU, School of Marxism, Shenyang University of Technology, China  
  - Chinese Philosophy: Oriental Ecological Philosophy Expressed by Chinese Language  
  Jordan JACKSON, East China Normal University, China  
  - Mastering the Situation: Situationist Problems for Confucian and Aristotelian (Virtue)Ethics |

**13:30 – 14:45 Lunch break (Commons Building Atrium)**
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<td><strong>SESSION 6: Chair: Steven BURIK, Singapore Management University</strong>&lt;br&gt;Shuyue HE, McGill University, Canada&lt;br&gt;• Wang Yangming’s conception of heart-mind&lt;br&gt;Hyun-woo PARK, Seoul National University, Korea&lt;br&gt;• Qi 氣 in the Mengzi&lt;br&gt;Youngsun BACK, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Korea&lt;br&gt;• Rethinking Mozi’s Jian’ai (兼愛)</td>
<td><strong>SESSION 7: Chair: Joseph HARROFF, Temple University, USA</strong>&lt;br&gt;Yong LI, Wuhan University, China&lt;br&gt;• Confucianism and Democracy: on Roger Ames’s understanding of Democracy&lt;br&gt;Sumner B. TWISS, Florida State University, USA&lt;br&gt;• Chiang Kai-shek’s Military Thought: A Comparative Ethical Perspective</td>
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Sai BHATAWADEKAR, University of Hawai‘i, Manoa, USA  
- The “Contact Improv” Approach to Cross-Cultural Philosophy  
Gail PRESBEY, University of Detroit Mercy, USA  
- Teaching Introduction to Philosophy with van Norden’s “Taking Back Philosophy”  
Bryan Van NORDEN, William, Yale-NUS College, Singapore  
- In Favor of Projecting a Meaning onto the Text  
**SESSION 9:** Chair: Neela Bhattacharya SAXENA, Nassau Community College, NY, USA  
Ana BAJŽELJ, University of California, Riverside, USA  
- Upakāra: The Concept of Assistance in Akalanka’s Tattvārthavārtika  
Elise COQUEREAU-SAOUMA, University of Vienna, and Charles University  
- Witnessing Epistemic Plurality  
Agnieszka ROSTALSKA, Ghent University and Leiden University  
- How not to argue–Dharmakirti and Nyāyaon the defeats in a debate  
**SESSION 10:** Chair: Michiel LEEZENBERG, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Carl HELSING, High Point University, USA  
- Zhuangzi and Wittgenstein: Language Games and Liberation in the Inner Chapters  
Janghee LEE, Gyeongin National University of Education, South Korea  
- A Pitfall in Confucian Virtue Ethics  
Sangbong JEONG, Konkuk University, Seoul, Korea  
- The Philosophy of Shu(恕) and its Meaning in the Age of Digital Culture  

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**18:00 – 20:00 Reception** at the Main House Building: MH G17 (East Wing)
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Chair: Andrew D. THRASHER, Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach, USA  
Milena CARRARA, President, Fundació Vivarium Raimon Panikkar, Tavertet, Barcelona, Spain  
  • Panikkar and Cassiodorus on Vivarium  
Maria Roberta CAPPELLINI, President, Raimon Panikkar Intercultural Centre Italy (CIRPIT)  
  • Panikkar and Jung: The Myth between Science and Religion  
Paulo BARONE, Independent Scholar  
  • Panikkar and Jung: From the Circumference to the Centre—The Rhythm of Being in the Mandalas | **SESSION 11: Chair: Nicholas WITKOWSKI, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore**  
Ralf MÜLLER, University of Hildesheim, Germany  
  • From a philosophy of culture to religious philosophy and back? Ernst Cassirer and Nishida Kitarō concepts of philosophy in comparison  
Maximiliane DEMMEL-BULLOCK, Independent Scholar, Germany  
  • The Art of Understanding Nishida for People with Learning Difficulties |  
| **10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break (room 137)** |  

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**PANEL 4: Raimon Panikkar in Dialogue (Part II)**

Chair: Milena CARRARA, President, Fundación Vivarium Raimon Panikkar, Tavertet, Barcelona, Spain

Andrew D. THRASHER, Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach, USA
- Panikkar and Charles Taylor on the Re-Enchantment of Secular Experience

Ursula KING, Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Bristol, UK
- A Comparison between Raimon Panikkar’s cosmotheandrism and Teilhard de Chardin’s worldview as cosmic, human and divine

**SESSION 12:** Chair: Jeremy HENKEL, Wofford College, USA

Alex OWENS, Lancaster University, UK
- Acts of Redeployment: Is Indra’s Net Ecological?

Travis CHILCOTT, Iowa State University, USA
- Cognition, Learning, and the Art of Understanding the World through Practices of Devotion

Joseph HARROFF, Temple University, USA
- Ars Contextualis in the Expansive Learning《大学》: Mapping Plurisingular Roots of Belonging beyond Rigid Designators of Identity

**SESSION 13:** Chair: Antoaneta NIKOLOVA, Leipzig University, Germany/ South-West University, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

Michiel LEEZENBERG, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Understanding Classical Islamic Sexuality: Between Ibn ’Arabî and Rûmî

Kateřina GAJDOSOVÁ, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic
- To know the sound (知音): how names arise from the unnamed in the excavated cosmological texts

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| Anand Jayprakash VAIDYA, San Jose State University, USA  
  • Which illusion, if any, should we accept? Self, Consciousness, Both, or Neither  
Louise WILLIAMS, University of Notre Dame, USA  
  • The Self, The Two Truths, and the Narrative Account | Stephen HARRIS, Leiden University, Netherlands  
  • Giving as Abandoning: Generosity in Śāntideva’s Bodhisattva Manuals  
Roger CLARKE, Queen’s University Belfast, UK  
  • Sextus Empiricus, Nāgārjuna, Zhuangzi, and the Context-Sensitivity of Belief  
Joseph JOHN, University of Arkansas –Pulaski Technical College, USA  
  • The Emptiness of Autonomy | Mary BOCKOVER, Humboldt State University, USA  
  • A Comparative Analysis of Death in Light of the Views of Brentano and Early Daoism  
Steven BURIK, Singapore Management University  
  • Does Understanding Need Language? Silence and Language in Heidegger and Classical Daoism  
Margus OTT, Xiamen University, China  
  • Mind and subjectivity in Zhu Xi and Deleuze |

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| Joy LAINE, Macalaster College, Saint Paul, USA  
  - The Practice of Yoga and the Extended Mind Hypothesis | Joel KRUEGER, University of Exeter, UK  
  - Watsuji, aidagara, and intentionality as reciprocity | Jesus ILUNDAIN-AGURRUZA, Linfield College, USA  
  - Immersive Ecstasy -Freediving as an Art of Understanding |
| Neela Bhattacharya SAXENA, Nassau Community College, NY, USA  
  - From Shunya to Spanda: Expression and Understanding in Vijnanabhairava Tantra | Steve BEIN, University of Dayton, USA  
  - Abortion in Watsujian Ethics: An Argument for A New Understanding | Haiming WEN, School of Philosophy, Renmin University of China  
  - On Guabian (Interchanging Hexagrams) as the Foundation of Interpreting the Classics of Hexagrams |
| Sonia WEINER, Tel Aviv University, Israel  
  - “Hum Hai Ke Hum Nahin” Vishal Bhardwaj’s Haider as Transcreation | Kyle SHUTTLEWORTH, Michael James, Queen’s University Belfast, UK  
  - Watsuji’s Will to Power: In-between Existentialist and Poststructuralist Interpretations of Nietzsche | Zhihua YAO, The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
  - The Memory Argument for Consciousness |

**17:00 – 17:15 Coffee break (room CM. 137)**

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| **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Erin McCarthy, St. Lawrence University, USA  
  - Transformation Embodied |  |

**18:45 – 19:30 Plenary Session 21**

**General Assembly**  - *all SACP Members are welcome!*

| 19:30 – 21:00 Reception at the Main House Building: MH G17 (East Wing) |  |
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<td>Antoaneta NIKOLOVA, Leipzig University, Germany / South-West University, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria&lt;br&gt;• Arts of Understanding in Daoism</td>
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<td>Lori Kuang-ling LIU, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan&lt;br&gt;• “Emptiness” (xu 虛) and “Wandering” (you 遊): Inquiring into the Aesthetics of Zhuangzi</td>
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