



Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy 59th Annual Conference

June 4-7, 2027

Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU), Seoul, South Korea

Hosted by

The Center for Critical Confucianism and Modern Classical Studies

Institute of Confucian Culture, Sungkyunkwan University

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Embodiment and Agency Across Texts and Traditions

Conference Description

The Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy (SACP) invites proposals for its 59th Annual Conference. The conference explores embodiment, agency, interpretation, and comparative philosophical inquiry across Asian and global traditions.

Across Asian and comparative philosophical traditions, embodiment has long been central to questions of self, ethics, community, and the human relationship to the world. At a time of rapid technological change, ecological crisis, and global uncertainty, this conference invites renewed reflection on how texts, traditions, and lived experience shape agency, responsibility, and philosophical dialogue across cultures.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Embodiment, agency, and lived experience in Asian and comparative philosophies
- Comparative approaches to texts, traditions, and philosophical dialogue
- Asian philosophical and religious perspectives on self, ethics, and community
- Feminist, decolonial, and postcolonial approaches to embodiment and agency
- Technology, artificial intelligence, and human responsibility and agency
- Ecology, planetary justice, and human responsibility
- Cross-cultural engagements with religion, philosophy, and the human future

Submission Guidelines

Individual Paper Proposals should include:

Title

Abstract of 200-300 words

Presenter's name, institutional affiliation, and email address

Panel Proposals should include:

Panel title

200-300 word description of the panel

Title and abstract of each paper

Name, institutional affiliation, and email address of each participant, including the panel moderator

Submission method: Qualtrics. Individual paper and panel proposal submission links are available on the SACP 2027 conference page: <https://sacp2027.skku.edu>

Submission Timeline

Proposal deadline: November 15, 2026

Graduate essay deadline: November 15, 2026

Notification of acceptance: December 7, 2026

Early-registration deadline: February 28, 2027

Final presenter registration deadline: May 7, 2027

Graduate Student Essay Contest Awards

To encourage graduate student participation, SACP awards prizes for the top three papers presented by graduate students.

Awards will be given for:

- **First Place**
- **Second Place**
- **Third Place**

Eligibility and submission: Students must attend the conference and present their papers to be eligible. Those who wish their papers to be considered must submit both an abstract and a complete essay of no more than 5,000 words to SACP Secretary Kevin Taylor at SACPcontact@gmail.com by November 15, 2026.

Registration & Membership

All presenters must be current SACP members and complete conference registration in order to participate in the conference and appear on the final program.

Please note that two separate payments are required for all presenters:

1. SACP Membership Dues
\$50 (Regular) / \$30 (Student/Emeritus)
2. Conference Registration
Early registration: \$150 (Regular) / \$30 (Student/Emeritus)
Early-registration deadline: February 28, 2027

Late registration: \$200 (Regular) / \$50 (Student/Emeritus)

Late-registration period: March 1–May 7, 2027

Final presenter registration deadline: May 7, 2027

PayPal registration/payment links will be posted on the SACP 2027 conference page after acceptance notifications are sent: <https://sacp2027.skku.edu>

Those paying via Wise must contact the SACP Treasurer.

Accepted presenters who have not completed conference registration by May 7, 2027 may be removed from the conference program.

Membership and outstanding balances: All participants in SACP conferences and other SACP-sponsored events must be current members in good standing and must have satisfied any outstanding SACP membership dues or other unpaid SACP balances reflected in the Society's records. Where an otherwise accepted participant has an outstanding balance, conference participation will not be confirmed until the balance has been resolved.

Conference Attendance and Remote Participation

The 2027 conference is planned as an in-person meeting. Presenters are expected to attend and present on site. Requests for remote participation may be considered only in exceptional circumstances and when the conference schedule and available technology permit. Remote participation cannot be guaranteed.

Additional Conference Information

East Asian Philosophy Keynote: Yong Huang, Fudan University

South Asian Philosophy Keynote: Elisa Freschi, University of Toronto

Hotel information: TBA

Travel information: TBA

Visa information: International participants should consult the official Korea Visa Portal (<https://www.visa.go.kr/>) for current visa and entry requirements. Because requirements vary by nationality and may change before the conference, participants should confirm the requirements applicable to them before making travel arrangements. Additional information concerning conference documentation or invitation letters will be announced.

More Information

Questions about the conference may be directed to SACPcontact@gmail.com.

For conference information and updates, visit the SACP 2027 conference page:

<https://sacp2027.skku.edu> For more information about the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, visit www.sacpweb.org.

Stay Connected

To help ensure that you receive important conference announcements and correspondence, please add SACPcontact@gmail.com and sacp-listserv@sacpweb.org to your email contacts or address book.

Conference announcements, calls for papers, Society news, and other updates are distributed through the **SACP Listserv on Google Groups**. Participants and members are encouraged to join or confirm their subscription:

<https://groups.google.com/a/sacpweb.org/g/sacp-listserv>

Instructions for joining the listserv, including information for those using university or other non-Gmail email addresses, are available on the SACP website: <https://www.sacpweb.org/membership/sacp-listserv/>