

2013 Term
SJSU Center for Comparative Philosophy
Workshop/Conference Series

Symposium

Yi-Jing Philosophy
and Contemporary Philosophy & Society

Co-Sponsors:
SJSU Philosophy Department & Dr. Chaote Lin Endowment

Time: **4th April 2013, Thursday, 10:00-17:00**
Place: **Conference Room 225-229, King Library,**
San Jose State University, San Jose, California, USA

The Center for Comparative Philosophy ('CCP' for short) at San Jose State University, California, USA, has established its Workshop/Conference Series since 2009 to promote and enhance the research and scholarship of comparative philosophy understood in a philosophically interesting way. The Series emphasizes critical discussion and exploration of how distinct approaches from different philosophical traditions (whether distinguished culturally or by style/orientation) can constructively engage each other to jointly contribute to the common philosophical enterprise.

The 2013 term of the CCP Workshop/Conference Series is a small-size symposium on the theme "***Yi-Jing Philosophy and Contemporary Philosophy & Society***". It is to explore two closely related fronts on the theme: (1) how philosophical thoughts and resources of the *Yi-Jing* philosophy [as delivered in the *Yi-Jing (I Ching)* text] can contribute (jointly with relevant resources from other philosophical traditions and from contemporary society) to our understanding and treatment of a range of issues or topics in philosophy and other intellectual inquiries in contemporary society through constructive engagement; (2) how relevant resources in contemporary philosophy and in contemporary society can help and enhance our understanding and elaboration of philosophical points and implications of the *Yi-Jing* philosophy through philosophical interpretation.

The foregoing exploration is to be carried out for the sake of the constructive-engagement strategic goal and methodology of comparative philosophy, which can be briefly highlighted as follows:

To explore how, by way of reflective criticism (including self-criticism) and argumentation, distinct modes of thinking, methodological approaches, visions, substantial points of view, or conceptual and explanatory resources from different philosophical traditions (whether distinguished culturally or by styles/orientations of doing philosophy) can learn from each other and jointly contribute to the contemporary development of philosophy and society on a range of issues or topics, which can be jointly approached through appropriate philosophical interpretation and/or from a broader philosophical vantage point.

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2013 CCP Symposium Program

(22nd March 2013 Version)

April 4, Thursday Morning

- 10:00 **Welcome Reception** (breakfast, coffee, and snack)
- 10:20-10:30 **Opening Session**
Peter Hadreas (Chair, Department of Philosophy, SJSU): Welcome address
Bo Mou (CCP Director, SJSU): Brief remarks on symposium theme
- 10:30-11:20 **Session I**
- Chair **Karin Brown** (Department of Philosophy, San Jose State University)
Speaker: **Peter Hadreas** (Department of Philosophy, SJSU): “Plato's *Chora* and Lao Zi's *Dao*:
from the vantage point of the *Yi-Jing* method”
- 11:20-11:30 Break
- 11:30-12:20 **Session II**
- Chair **Chanh Phan** (Department of Humanities, San Jose State University)
Speaker **Christian Jochim** (Department of Humanities, SJSU): “Western Philosophical
Critique of Modernity: with help from the *Yi-Jing* and *Dao-De-Jing*”
- 12:20-13:30 Lunch

April 4, Thursday Afternoon

- 13:30-15:00 **Session III**
- Chair **Bo Mou** (Department of Philosophy, San Jose State University)
Speaker **Robert E. Allinson** (Philosophy Program, Soka University of America): “The
Concept of Opposites in Hegel, the *Yi-Jing*, Mao and Contemporary China”
- 15:00-15:10 Break
- 15:10-16:00 **Session IV**
- Chair **Anthony Korsund** (Department of Philosophy, San Jose State University)
Speaker **Chanh Phan** (Department of Humanities, SJSU): “Building Blocks of Reality: A
Comparative Dialogue between the *Yi-Jing* and Western Views”
- 16:00-16:10 Break
- 16:10-17:00 **Session V**
- Chair **Haoping He** (Department of Philosophy, Peking University)
Speaker: **Bo Mou** (Department of Philosophy, SJSU): “Reflection on the Nature of
Ideographic Language in the *Yi-Jing*: Engaging the Lockean and the Fregean
Approaches”

- *All are welcome; if you plan to attend, please make your (free) registration via email by April 1.*
- *Breakfast, coffee/tea and lunch will be served for all registered participants.*

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