

Center for Comparative Philosophy



San Jose State University

2009 Term

SJSU Center for Comparative Philosophy Conference Series

Presents:

Bay-Area “Comparative Philosophy” Conference

Co-Sponsor:

SJSU Philosophy Department

Time: April 25, Saturday, 2009

Place: Cultural Heritage Meeting Room, 5th Floor, King Library, SJSU

About the Series

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

About 2009 Term of the Series

The 2009 term of the Series presents a “California Bay-Area ‘Comparative Philosophy’ Conference” to serve two purposes: (1) to provide a critical-discussion forum to explore comparative philosophy understood in a broad, constructive way; (2) to provide the interested colleagues in the Bay area with an academic exchange opportunity to know each other and be familiar with each other’s relevant works. The format of the conference is that of one-day workshop which consists of colloquium sessions and roundtable discussions.

All interested scholars, students and others (either residing or traveling) in the Bay area are welcome to attend the conference.

The seats at the conference room are limited. Please RSVP to Bo Mou at bo.mou@sjsu.edu or 408-924-4513 (before it is full).

Program

Opening Remarks: Rita Manning (Chair, Philosophy Department, SJSU)
(09:30-09:40) Bo Mou (Director, CCP, SJSU)

Panel I: “On Methodological Issues of Comparative Philosophy”

Chair: Rita Manning (Philosophy, SJSU)

09:40-10:25 Mohammad Azadpur (Philosophy, San Francisco State University):
“Comparative Philosophy as Phenomenology”

10:25-11:10 Bo Mou (Philosophy, SJSU): “On Constructive-Engagement Methodo-
logical Strategy in Comparative Philosophy”

Break

Panel II: “Buddhist Approach to the Issue of Free Will”

Chair: Noam Cook (Philosophy, SJSU)

11:15-12:00 Daniel Veidlinger (Religious Studies, CSU at Chico): "Free Will in
Buddhism and How that Interfaces with the System of Karma”

Commentator: Karin Brown (Philosophy, SJSU)

12:00-13:00 Lunch

Panel III: Roundtable Discussion Forum “New Directions in Studies of Chinese Philosophy: In View of Comparative Philosophy”

Chair: Thor Harris (Philosophy, University of Hawaii)

13:00-13:45 Justin Tiwald (Philosophy, San Francisco State University): “New Di-
rections in Studies of Confucianism”

13:45-14:30 Esther C. Su (Foundation for the Study of Chinese Philosophy and
Culture): “On Contemporary Scholarship of Chinese Philosophy”

Discussants: Chanh Phan (Humanities, SJSU), Bo Mou

Break

Panel IV: “The Future of Philosophy: From the Perspective of Latin Ameri- can Philosophy”

Chair: Tommy Lott (Philosophy, SJSU)

14:45-15:30 Alejandro Vallega (Philosophy, California State University at Stanis-
laus): “Other Beginnings: What Might be the Future of Philosophy in
Light of the Philosophy of Liberation in Latin America?”

Commentator: Carlos Sanchez (Philosophy, SJSU)

Break

Panel V: “On Knowledge: from the Point of View of Comparative Philosophy”

Chair: Karin Brown (Philosophy, SJSU)

15:45-16:30 Noam Cook (Philosophy, SJSU): “Two Views on Knowledge and
Practice”

Panelist: Kazuyuki Kozawa (Aichi Gakuin University, Japan)

Announcement:

2010 Term of the Series

Symposium Conference

theme:

Constructive Engagement of

Analytic and 'Continental' Approaches in Philosophy

Time: April 2010 (tentative) / Place: San Jose State University, California, USA

CCP website: <http://www.sjsu.edu/humanities/centers/>



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