

2011 Term
SJSU Center for Comparative Philosophy
Workshop/Conference Series

Symposium

Daoism and Contemporary Philosophy

Co-Sponsors:

SJSU Philosophy Department & Dr. Chaote Lin Endowment

Time: 18th April 2011, Monday, 08:00-18:30

**Place: Conference Room 225-229, King Library,
San Jose State University, San Jose, California, USA**

The Center for Comparative Philosophy (CCP) 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 (generally covering both culture/region-associated and style/orientation-associated philosophical traditions) can constructively engage each other to jointly contribute to the common philosophical enterprise.

The 2011 term of the CCP Workshop/Conference Series is a symposium on the theme “**Daoism and Contemporary Philosophy: Constructive Engagement**”. It is to explore two closely related fronts on the theme: (1) how philosophical thoughts and resources of Daoism (such as those in the *Dao-De-Jing* and the *Zhuang-Zi*) can contribute to our understanding and treatment of a series of philosophical issues (in metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of language and mind, moral and social/political philosophy, etc.) through their constructively engaging relevant approaches/resources in contemporary philosophy; (2) how relevant resources in contemporary philosophy can help and enhance our understanding and elaboration of philosophical points and implications of Daoism 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, via 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 and/or from different styles/orientations of doing philosophy, can learn from each other and jointly contribute to the common philosophical enterprise and a series of issues and topics of philosophical significance, which can be jointly concerned through appropriate philosophical interpretation and/or from a broader philosophical vantage point.

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Program

(23rd March 2011 Version)

April 18, Monday Morning

- 8:00 **Welcome Reception** (breakfast, coffee, and snack)
- 8:20-8:30 **Opening Session**
Rita Manning (Chair, Philosophy Department, SJSU): Welcome Address
Bo Mou (Director of Center for Comparative Philosophy, SJSU):
Brief Remarks on Symposium Theme
- 8:30-9:20 **Session 1**
Chair **Richard Tieszen** (San Jose State University)
Speaker **Mario Wenning** (University of Macau / University of Frankfurt, German)
“Heidegger and Zhuang Zi on the Nonhuman: Towards a Transcultural Critique of
(Post)humanism”
- 9:20-9:30 Break
- 9:30-10:20 **Session 2**
Chair **Christian Jochim** (San Jose State University)
Speaker: **Chanh Phan** (San Jose State University)
“Wittgensteinian and Daoist Approaches to Language Games”
- 10:20-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:20 **Session 3**
Chair: **Janet Stemwedel** (San Jose State University):
Speaker: **Marina Carnogurska** (Institute of Oriental Studies, Slovak Academy of Sciences,
Slovak)
“The Metaphysical Vision in *Dao-De-Jing* and the Modern Knowledge of the
Fundamental Being”
- 11:20-11:30 Break
- 11:30-12:20 **Session 4**
Chair **Zhaolu Lu** (Tiffin University)
Speaker: **Ava Chung** (National Taiwan University, Taiwan, ROC)
“Metaphors in Indirect Speech Acts in *Dao-De-Jing*”
- 12:20-13:30 Lunch

April 18, Monday Afternoon

13:30-14:20 **Session 5**

Chair **Bo Mou** (San Jose State University)

Speaker **Changfu Xu** (Sun Yat-Sen University, China)
“Constructive Engagement of Marxist and Daoist Conceptions of Nature”

14:20-14:30 Break

14:30-15:20 **Session 6**

Chair **Mohammad Azadpur** (San Francisco State University)

Speaker **Todd Gullion** (Diablo Valley College)
“Zhuang Zi's Account of Carver's Aesthetic Perception and McDowell's Position on Intuition”

15:20-15:30 Break

15:30-16:20 **Session 7**

Chair **Justin Tiwald** (San Francisco State University)

Speaker: **Rongjie Lin** (Xiamen University, China)
“Egalitarian Thought in *Dao-De-Jing*”

16:20-16:30 Break

16:30-17:20 **Session 8**

Chair **Carlos Sanchez** (San Jose State University)

Speaker **Jensen Chung** (San Francisco State University)
“How Philosophical Daoism Can Contribute to the Development of Contemporary Theory of Communication”

17:20-17:30 Break

17:30-18:20 **Session 9**

Chair **Anand Vaidya** (San Jose State University)

Speaker **Bo Mou** (San Jose State University)
“Lewis, McDowell, and Lao Zi: Naturalism and Normativity”

- *All are welcome to attend the conference; if you plan to attend, please make your registration via email by April 13.*
- *Breakfast, coffee/snack and lunch will be served for all registered participants.*

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