In this contributing letter to our Society’s first newsletter (Issue 1, January 2022), I would like to highlight several things relating to the Society’s mission and healthy development: its point and need, what we have done, and what we will do in the near future.

1. For quite a while, Xianglong and I as co-founders of CPWP had been pondering whether there are genuine needs for the CPWP and how it would be possible. Xianglong and I have reached the consensus: a new international philosophical association to meet the following challenges and expectations is in genuine need. <1> Generally speaking, there is the need for an international association with its distinct identity and emphasis on comparative philosophy (whatever one would like to label) as a general way of doing philosophy through cross-tradition engagement toward world philosophy and for the sake of contemporary development of philosophy and society, whose coverage is not limited to, say, the East (the Asian, the Chinese, etc.) and the West but more inclusive. <2> Moreover, the world of tensions and conflicts at deep levels as evidenced by a range of events in the past years (especially since the burst
of COVID-19) augments the need for the due role comparative philosophy toward world philosophy can play via its methodological and theoretic resources concerning how to enhance dialogues and mutual understanding and learn from each other (in a constructively engaging way) between contraries in a more widespread social setting. <3> This new association is to share the same fundamental aim as that of the international peer-reviewed and open-access journal Comparative Philosophy (as shown by the journal’s subtitle: “An International Journal of Constructive Engagement of Distinct Approaches toward World Philosophy”); both can be strongly complementary to each other in effectively fulfilling the goal by providing each other with an effective academic-exchange channel and critical discussion platform. <4> It is known that the current available philosophical associations have this/that limits/boundaries to meeting the above needs either because of emphasis difference or because of coverage boundaries or because of a lack of due flexibility in need or because of some other limits that are not expected. It is also noted that powerful internet communication resources, as resorted to by the Journal’s open-access approach in the past decade, has been further strengthened by recent development of Zoom-like virtual communication tools and their widespread efficient applications during the pandemic period. Their current availability can effectively facilitate the joint efforts in meeting the needs in the foregoing connections. In this way, to effectively meet the foregoing needs/challenges and provide the interested colleagues with more opportunities for academic exchanges and critical discussions, the CPWP has been established as a non-profit, independent philosophical association in the international academic arena.

It also sets out to be constructively complementary to, and friendly open for academic cooperation with, other academic associations that more or less share the same goal and concerns and/or have distinct complementary emphases/coverages.

The new association is to start from the small and in a natural and constructive way, sensitive to situations, with neither need of excessive pushing nor burden of having to be so-and-so “representative” of who’s who in an absolute fixed way. The point is quite simple and straightforward: to constructively promote comparative philosophy as a general cross-tradition engaging way of doing philosophy toward world philosophy and, being sensitive to the due needs, it is to provide the interested colleagues with more effective and flexible academic-exchange channel and engaging discussion platform (say, via powerful internet and open-access resources especially recently developed).

Indeed, in one sense, what is important is not one’s current “location” (“one” covering both each of us as one and our association as one) but one’s direction: no matter where each of us is located with whatever identities (this or that) and status (lower or higher), we worldwide (including all of us in ancient times and modern times, in this and that philosophical traditions) move toward one strategic “world philosophy” direction: we worldwide endeavor to talk to (communicate and understand), engage with (rather than passing by) and learn from each other (regarding either distinct eligible perspectives, or distinct adequate guiding principles, or distinct effective instruments, etc.) and constructively make joint contributions to the contemporary development of philosophy and society.

The foregoing point is highlighted by the opening statement (Clause 2.1) of the Society’s Constitution on the CPWP strategic goal: “The Society aims at…promoting comparative philosophy as a general way of doing philosophy through cross-tradition engagement toward world philosophy, which seeks dialogue, mutual understanding and learning, complementarity, and joint contributions by distinct approaches and resources from different philosophical traditions worldwide for the sake of the contemporary development of philosophy and society”.

In view of this strategic goal, CPWP endeavors to facilitate academic exchange and discussion of ideas among interested philosophers in various regions worldwide, and provide them with effective channels and platforms, as we have endeavored in the past months since the inception of CPWP.

2. Since the inception of CPWP, with the collective efforts of the members, the CPWP Constitution has been approved, and the election for the first Executive Board (2021-2024) has been held. The Executive Board team colleagues, Nevad, Elizabeth and I, have worked together on a range of things relating to the CPWP’s healthy development: they either have already implemented or are in good progress. The Society’s website has been established at <www.cpwponline.org>; the Society has been approved by IRS for its non-profit status; some academic activities to fulfil the mission of CPWP and provide the members with effective academic-exchange and critical discussion platforms have been planned and in good progress. We are also in the process to establish the APA affiliated group status so that CPWP’s discussion panels can be held in APA division meetings if in need.

3. Among others, CPWP’s first international virtual
conference has been planned and in good progress. It is co-organized by the journal Comparative Philosophy and co-sponsored and hosted by the SJSU Center for Comparative Philosophy, through the effective Zoom channel. In this way, we proceed without involving expenses for international/domestic travel and visa application. The conference panels are on a range of joint-concerned issues in various areas of philosophy, whose topics and contents are expected to be philosophically interesting in a general and cross-traditional way and in view of the contemporary development of philosophy, instead of being only locally interesting to ones working merely in one tradition or merely on historical/descriptive topics. (For its further details, see the separate entry on this event in this issue.)

Again, thanks for your interests and contributions.

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MEMBERS’ RECENT WORKS

Notes:

<1> This list is based on the relevant info given in the completed CPWP interest forms; the list does not include those members who have not completed the CPWP interest forms or the relevant parts of the forms.

<2> The list is in the alphabet order of the (English transliterations of) family names of the members.

<3> The names in the members’ non-English native languages (if any) are included if they are given in the completed forms.

<4> The number of the recent publications (if any) for each listed member is up to the most recent three, instead of more (if any), due to space and its “recent” coverage (given as they appear in the completed forms).

<5> If there is no recent relevant publication listed but some current relevant research(es) to comparative philosophy in a member’s completed form, the latter is listed instead.

<6> The listed academic affiliations are strictly based on what are given in the completed forms.

<7> As explained before, given that a member's email address/phone number by default is part of his/her personal (private) information, and in view of some other academic associations’ relevant policies in this connection, the members’ email addresses (and phone numbers if any) as given in the completed forms are not listed here. If a member intends to have another member’s further personal info (including email address and/or phone number if any), he/she is expected to receive it by directly contacting that person based on the contact info publicly given by the person, rather than through the Executive Board from the CPWP email list.

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Current areas of research/teaching interests: Comparative philosophy, ‘global philosophy’, especially in the areas of metaphysics and aesthetics (not philosophy of art)

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Academic affiliation: UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: CHINESE, COMPARATIVE, EPISTEMOLOGY
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

BRONS, Lajos
Academic affiliation: Lakeland University, Japan Campus, Tokyo, Japan
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Almost all areas of philosophy. / Western analytic philosophy and Buddhist philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

BYER, Sammuel
Academic affiliation: Fort Hays State University, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: World Religions, Philosophy of Religion, Bioethics, Business and Professional Ethics
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
-I have one paper under review on a hybrid account of personal identity based on Confucian philosophy and Parfit’s
psychological continuity view.

I have an interdisciplinary paper under review co-authored with colleagues dealing with a variety of themes in a book about Central Park. While this is not in the mode of comparative philosophy, it is an item that required collaboration with historians, geographers, and English faculty at my institution.

CHANG, Tzuli (张子立)
Academic affiliation: Fudan University, China
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Song-Ming Neo-Confucianism, Contemporary Neo-Confucianism, ethics, and political philosophy, particularly focusing on the reinterpretation of Confucianism in the contemporary context, which draws on the comparative studies of Confucianism, Kantian ethics, and liberalism.
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- 《儒学之现代解读：诠释，对比与开展》台北：学生书局，2021。

CHOI, Suk
Academic affiliation: Towson University, Maryland, U.S.A
Current areas of research/teaching interests: East Asian Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy, Aesthetics (both East and West), and Ethics
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- co-edited (with Jung-yuep Kim) the book, The Idea of Qi/Gi (氣) from East Asian and Comparative Philosophical Perspectives, and two articles for this book, "Understanding the Diversity of Qi 氣," (co-authored with Jung-yuep Kim) and "Dai Zhen’s Idea of Qi 氣 and His Critique of Neo-Confucianism," (Lexington Books, December 2018)

CHONG, Chaehyun
Academic affiliation: Sogang University, South Korea
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Pre-Qin Thought, Neo-Mohist Logic, Confucianism as a philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- “Tasan’s Philosophy as a model for AI and human co-
- “Why is loving a thief not the same as loving all men for the Mohists?” Asian Philosophy, vol. 28/3, 2018.09.

CHU, Zhaohua (储昭华)
Academic affiliation: Wuhan University, China
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Ancient Chinese political philosophy, comparative philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- 《明分之道——从荀子看儒家与现代民主政道融通的可能性》，商务印书馆，2005, 2007
- 《何以安身与逍遥——庄子 “虚己” 之道的政治哲学解析》，商务印书馆，2020

COUTINHO, Steve
Academic affiliation: MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Confucian Philosophy, Contemporary Virtue Ethics, Classical Greek Philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

DAI, Yuanfang (戴远方)
Academic affiliation: Michigan State University, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: feminist philosophy, especially comparative feminist philosophy; social and political philosophy; ethics
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

DELAPP, Kevin
Academic affiliation: Converse College, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Metaethics,
classical Confucianism, ancient Greek philosophy, ancient Egyptian philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
-“The Metaethics of Maat,” in Comparative Metaethics: Neglected Perspectives on the Foundations of Morality, 2019 Brill Publishers

DEVARAKONDA, Balaganapathi
Academic affiliation: University of Delhi, India
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Early Buddhism, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophical Counseling
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

DING, Xiaojun (丁晓军)
Academic affiliation: Xi’an Jiaotong University, China
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Logic and Critical Thinking, Epistemology (Gettier Problem, Epistemic Luck, Skepticism, Philosophy of Action), Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Science (Philosophy of Willard Van Orman Quine, Philosophy of AI, Ethics of Science and Technology), Philosophical Practice (Philosophical Counseling and Therapy)
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

DOU, Ze-Li (窦泽黎)
Academic affiliation: Texas Christian University, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests:
<1> Comparing philosophies of ancient Greece with those of ancient China; <2> Influence and manifestation of philosophical attitudes in the history of mathematics. <3> Approaches to understanding cognition via artificial intelligence (e.g. AlphaGo).
Current research projects relevant to comparative philosophy:
-relations between agnos in Platonic philosophy and Zheng 争 (struggle), yu 欲 (desire), and wuwei 无为 (no action) in Confucian and Daoist texts;
-conception of infinity, and indivisible and infinitesimal magnitudes, in the West and in China up to the 17th century (the advent of calculus). (For example, Zeno, Aristotle, Archimedes to Galileo in the West; Hui Shi, Gongsun Long to Liu Hui and Zu Chongzhi/Zu Geng in China.)

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Academic affiliation: Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bengaluru, India
Current areas of research/teaching interests: metaphysics, history of philosophy, comparative philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
-Dialogue with the World: Concept of Body in Merleau-Ponty and Ramanuja

FOX, Alan
Academic affiliation: University of Delaware, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: process readings of Daoism; Asian and Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Psychology
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

HAN, Linhe (韩林合)
Academic affiliation: Peking University, China
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Metaphysics, philosophy of mind, comparative philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- "《逻辑哲学论研究》",
- "《虚己以游世——庄子哲学研究》",
- "《游外以冥内——郭象哲学研究》"

HENNESSEY, Anna
Academic affiliation: Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion, UC Berkeley, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: comparative approach to the areas of philosophy, religious studies and art history
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- "Imagery, Ritual and Birth: Ontology Between the Sacred and the Secular" (Lexington Books, 2018)
- "Chinese Images of Nature, Body, and Cosmos Visualizing Human Physiology and Homeostasis with the Natural World" in Sustainable Societies: Interreligious and Interdisciplinary Responses (Springer, forthcoming)

HONG, Chang-Seong (홍창성)
Academic affiliation: Minnesota State University Moorhead, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Buddhist philosophy, metaphysics, philosophy of mind
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- "I have listed a number of my recent publications on my homepage. Please refer to it: http://web.mnstate.edu/hong/"

HRUBEC, Marek
Academic affiliation: Centre of Global Studies, Institute of Philosophy, the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Contemporary African, Chinese and European moral, social and political philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

JIN, Yutang (金钰棠)
Academic affiliation: Princeton University, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Confucian political theory, democratic theory, methods in political theory as well as comparative political theory.
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- "Confucian Leadership Democracy: A Roadmap."
  Comparative Philosophy 12.2 (2021): 79-102

JOHNSON, Monte
Academic affiliation: University of California at San Diego, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Ancient Wisdom Traditions, Early Greek Philosophy, Aristotle Studies, Greco-Roman Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy (especially ancient Greece, India, and China).
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

JONES, Nick (Nicholaos)
Academic affiliation: The University of Alabama in Huntsville, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: History of Chinese Buddhist Philosophy, Buddhist Philosophy, Comparative Metaphysics, Philosophy of Systems Biology, Cross-Cultural Ethics
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

KAHTERAN, Nevad
Academic affiliation: University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Philosophy, Bosnia & Herzegovina
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Eastern & Comparative Philosophy (Bosnian pioneer).
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- The Role of Comparative Philosophy in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Philosophising at the Big Fault Line (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2021)
KAIPAYIL, Joseph
Academic affiliation: Jeevalaya Institute of Philosophy, Bangalore, India
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Metaphysics, Indian Philosophy, and Comparative Philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- "Reimaging the Study and Teaching of Philosophy for Our Time"
- "Contemporary Interpretations of Shankara’s Advaita and the Affirmation of the World"
- monograph book The Epistemology of Comparative Philosophy

KAZASHI, Nobuo (嘉指信雄)
Academic affiliation: Jnäna-Deepa, Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Pune, India
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Epistemology, Hermeneutics, Religion, Comparative Religion, Reason and Faith, Fundamental theology, society and politics, culture, communication
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- Faith, Reason, and Culture: An Essay in Fundamental Theology (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020)

KARUVELIL (Kāruvēlil), George
Academic affiliation: Jnäna-Deepa, Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Pune, India
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Comparative philosophy (Japanese, Continental, American); Peace studies
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

KROLL, Jorn
Academic affiliation: independent scholar
Current areas of research/teaching interests: "I am basically interested in what I call “transformative philosophy / philosophizing.”... A comparative perspective is the best general approach to probe "the things themselves" from various cultural and methodological perspectives.”
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- recent comparative essay on Zhuangzi and Karl Jaspers, which was published last November in the online journal Existenzi that focuses on the work of Karl Jaspers, psychiatrist and philosopher.

LAI, Karyn
Academic affiliation: University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Chinese philosophy, comparative ethics, comparative epistemology, philosophy of religion.
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

LAMBERT, Andrew
Academic affiliation: City University of New York (CUNY); College of Staten Island, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Classical Confucian thought, Ethics, Comparative Philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

LEE, Keekok (利基国)
Academic affiliation: Faculty of Humanities, University of Manchester, UK
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Western and Chinese philosophy, philosophy of medicine: Biomedicine and Chinese Medicine ethics: virtue ethics in the Chinese tradition and the Western tradition
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

LELE, Amod
Academic affiliation: Boston University, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: comparative ethics (especially Buddhism), Indian philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
LI, Jingjing (李晶晶)
Academic affiliation: Institute for Philosophy, Leiden University, Netherlands
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Comparative Philosophy, Buddhist philosophy, Feminist theories in East Asia, Chinese Philosophy, Phenomenology
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

LIU, Yi (刘益)
Academic affiliation: China West Normal University, China
Current areas of research/teaching interests: 禅宗与海德格尔哲学比较研究
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- “The Repeated Misunderstanding of Heidegger’s Conception of Death”, Nanjing Journal of Social Sciences 2018, No.4

LI, Zhangyin (李章印)
Academic affiliation: Shandong University, China
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Heidegger’s philosophy, comparative philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

LOCHNER, Wendy
Academic affiliation: Columbia University
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Death and dying, meditation, Buddhism, way of life, philosophy of religion (all in comparative context)

LUO, Shirong
Academic affiliation: Simmons University, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Ethics in Confucian and Western traditions
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- "Integrating Care and Respect: Early Confucian Ethics as Inclusive Ethics.”
  Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture 35 (2021): 47-76

MASON, Joshua
Academic affiliation: Loyola Marymount University, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Chinese Philosophy, Hermeneutics, Ethics, Political Philosophy, Conceptual Metaphor
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

MCMAHON, Conor
Academic affiliation: University of Oklahoma, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: “My dissertation project is going in the direction of trying to reconstruct a theory of knowledge based…on what I think are some ontological assumptions / perspectives found during the Warring States period of Chinese history”
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

MOU, Bo (牟博)
Academic affiliation: Department of Philosophy, San Jose State University, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: philosophy of language, metaphysics, philosophical methodology, comparative philosophy, Chinese philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

NGUYEN, Nam
Academic affiliation: Fulbright University Vietnam
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Vietnam’s Modern Intellectual/Conceptual History in East Asian Contexts; Cultural Studies, philosophy, on Vietnam and East Asia
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- “Traveling ethics textbooks in East Asia at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries” 『19世紀末から20世紀初頭にかけて東アジアの旅 行倫理教科書』, 『上智大学教育学論集』51号 (2017年 3月).
- “All under Heaven Belongs to the Public: Rereading Tấn đình chuẩn lâm lý giáo khoa thuần 趕訂倫理教科書 in the East Asian

ODA, Takaharu (小田崇晴)
Academic affiliation: Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Early modern history of comparative philosophy; George Berkeley (my PhD thesis); Buddhist philosophy in general.
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

ROŠKER, Jana S.
Academic affiliation: University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Methodology of intercultural research, Modern and classical Chinese philosophy, Chinese ethics, Chinese epistemology, Chinese hermeneutics, Chinese Logic, Comparative philosophy, Contemporary Chinese philosophy, Methodology of Chinese philosophy, Modern New Confucianism
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- List of my publications for the last 10 years (2011-2021): https://bib.cobiss.net/bibliographies/si/webBiblio/bib201_2021 0429_060220_13009.html and on my individual professional website at Academia.edu: https://janarosker.academia.edu/research#papersinenglishandchinese

SCHILTZ, Elizabeth
Academic affiliation: Department of Philosophy, College of Wooster, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Comparative Philosophy, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Indian Philosophy, Philosophy as a Way of Life, Philosophy of Religion
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- “Meditation is the Substance of Wisdom: East Asian Buddhism in the Philosophy Classroom,” chapter, in Introduction to Buddhist East Asia: An Interdisciplinary Approach, edited by Robert Scott and James McRae, forthcoming from SUNY Press.

SCHNEIDER, Henri
Academic affiliation: Nordakademie, university of applied sciences, Austria
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Chinese Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- 2019: An Introduction to the Political Philosophy of Hanfei

SELLMANN, James
Academic affiliation: UNIVERSITY OF GUAM, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Pre-Qin, Han and Xuanxue philosophies. Huang-Lao in the Lüshi Chunqiu
Correlative thinking in Pacific philosophies. Comparative constitutional theory.
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- Timing and Rulership in Master Lü’s Spring and Autumn Annals, State University of New York Press.
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SEOK, Bongrae
Academic affiliation: Alvernia University, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Moral Psychology, Comparative Philosophy (Confucianism), Cognitive Science, NeuroEthics, Neuroaesthetics
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- Naturalization, Human Flourishing, and Asian Philosophy: Owen Flanagan and Beyond (2020, Routledge)
- Embodied Moral Psychology and Confucian Philosophy (2013, Lexington)

SHIELDS, James Mark
Academic affiliation: Bucknell University, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: RESEARCH: Modern Japanese Buddhism/religion; comparative philosophy; comparative ethics; religion and politics
TEACHING: Asian and comparative philosophy; comparative literature; comparative religion; sexuality and gender studies
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

SORAJ, Hongladarom
Academic affiliation: Department of Philosophy and Center for Science, Technology, and Society, Chulalongkorn University
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Philosophy of
technology, applied ethics, Buddhist ethics
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- “Please see my profile at https://philpeople.org/profiles/soraj-hongladom”

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Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

SUN, Wei (孙伟)
Academic affiliation: Philosophy Institute, Beijing Academy of Social Sciences, China
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Chinese philosophy, Comparative philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- “‘通观’与‘虚壹而静’-柏拉图灵魂说与荀子‘神明’观之比较”, 《哲学研究》2021年第3期。
- “当代西方学界对中西比较哲学方法论的论争及反思”, 《国外社会科学》2016年第4期。

Valmisa, Mercedes
Academic affiliation: Gettysburg College, USA
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Classical Chinese Philosophy, Asian Philosophy, Global Philosophy Philosophy of Action, Social Philosophy
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- A Chinese Philosophy of Action (Oxford University Press, 2021);
- “What is a Situation?” in Dao and Time: Comparative Perspectives, Livia Kohn ed. (Cambridge, Mass.: Three Pines Press), forthcoming;

VERMA, Ajay
Academic affiliation: Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Critiquing philosophical issues in Classical Indian thought systems from modern perspectives.
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

Wang, Kun
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Current areas of research/teaching interests: comparative study in feminist ethics, multidisciplinary study in post-human
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- “‘理’在工夫过程中的柔性化诠释”，《周易研究》2019.3。
- “感通本体论——《周易》人文世界的本源构成”，《思想与文化》第二十四辑，2019.6。
- “‘以意逆志’重辨”，《中国诠释学》2019.12。

WENNING, Mario
Academic affiliation: University of Macau, China
Current areas of research/teaching interests: Intercultural Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, Aesthetics
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

WOODLING, Casey
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Current areas of research/teaching interests: Malagasy philosophy, Malagasy language, and Malagasy thought.
currently teaching Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Logic and Business Ethics
Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:
- “Siméon Rajaona on Western ways of thinking and the


**WU, Yang (伍洋)**

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Current areas of research/teaching interests: political philosophy, Marxist philosophy as a political philosophy

Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

- “帝国主义叙事的历史嬗变与对抗逻辑的激进建构”, 上海: 《当代国外马克思主义评论》第17辑, 2018.12 (CSSCI源刊)
- “列宁革命政治的哲学思想——以战争辩证法为视角”, 上海: 《当代国外马克思主义评论》, 第16辑, 2018.5 (CSSCI源刊)
- “从皮凯蒂的《21世纪资本论》再思马克思的资本概念”, 上海: 《当代国外马克思主义评论》第14辑, 2017.5. (CSSCI源刊)

**XIE, Yipin (谢一玭)**

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Current areas of research/teaching interests: Ethics, Greek philosophy

Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:


**YANG, Xiaomei (杨小梅)**

Academic affiliation: Tunghai University, Taiwan, ROC

Current areas of research/teaching interests: Chinese philosophy, Ethics, Greek philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of language

Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

- “My publications are in English in both Western philosophy and Chinese philosophy”

**YI, Byeong-uk**

Academic affiliation: University of Toronto, Canada

Current areas of research/teaching interests: Logic, philosophy of language, metaphysics

**YU, Sun Kyeong (유선경)**

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Current areas of research/teaching interests: Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind, Buddhist Philosophy, Cognitive Science

Other Teaching Interests: History of Science, Medical Ethics, Asian Philosophy, Introduction to Biology/Molecular Biology

Representative research writings in philosophy and/or comparative philosophy:

- How Bioscience Meets Buddhism, 2020, co-authored with Dr. Chang-Seong Hong, Unjusa Publisher, Korea.
- Philosophy of Biology, 2014, Thinking Power Publisher, Korea.
ZHANG, Longxi (张隆溪)
Academic affiliation: City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China
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1st CPWP International Virtual Conference on “Comparative Philosophy toward World Philosophy” (Late April 2022)
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An international conference on the theme “Comparative Philosophy toward World Philosophy”, co-organized by the International Society for Comparative Philosophy toward World Philosophy (‘CPWP’: <www.cpwponline.org>) [as its 1st term of “Comparative Philosophy toward World Philosophy” conference series] and the open-access international journal, Comparative Philosophy (ISSN: 2151-6014 <www.comparativephilosophy.org>), and co-sponsored and hosted by the Center for Comparative Philosophy, San Jose State University with the support of the Dr. Chaote Lin Endowment, USA, will be held virtually during the week of April 18 (Monday) -23 (Saturday) April 2022, with panel sessions arranged in a scattered way sensitive to the speakers/participants’ different international time zones and other relevant situational elements, instead of all sessions one by one within one or two days.

Format:

Partially with consideration of the COVID-19 situation, partially to enable the participating parties to focus on relevant academic things without worries and distraction to such non-academic things as travel related.
difficulties/expenses, and more in view of the recent well-developed Zoom-like internet means as a powerful channel for effective communication and academic discussion, this international conference is to be held in the virtual format via a range of coordinated Zoom panel sessions. The timeline arrangements for the different Zoom panel sessions will be sensitive to the constitutions of participants and their working-hours in different international time zones during the conference period.

**Emphasis, focus and expectations of submission contents:**

To fulfill the shared concern and emphasis by the co-organizer/co-sponsor parties in their missions, this international conference is issue/topic oriented with emphasis on contribution to the contemporary development of philosophy (instead of historical figure or specific doctrine oriented), focusing on a range of philosophical issues/topics in various areas of philosophy that are or can be jointly concerned and approached in a way of cross-tradition engagement (via appropriate philosophical interpretation and from a higher and/or broader philosophical vantage point): how distinct approaches and resources from different philosophical traditions [whether distinguished culturally (such as Chinese, Indian, Islamic, Latin-American, Western…traditions) ] or by style/orientation (analytic vs. “Continental” styles/orientations, Confucian-oriented, Buddhist-oriented, Marxist-oriented, …)], or from some (ancient) philosophical tradition and contemporary scholarship (philosophy or other intellectual pursuits), can talk to, engage with and learn from each other and constructively make joint contributions to the contemporary development of philosophy on the addressed jointly-concerned issues/topics.

These issues/topics are thus expected to be philosophically interesting to the general membership of the co-organizers and co-sponsors, instead of being only locally interesting to ones working merely in one tradition or merely on historical/descriptive topics.

The contents of individual research papers, roundtable discussion panels (with their critical-discussion presentations) and the “author meets critics” panels (with their commentary/reply presentations) are expected to have foregoing emphasis and focus. [Note: one specific paper in the above three categories can be labeled some title addressing one figure or some specific doctrine in one tradition; the point is this: it is expected to treat the addressed historical figure/specific doctrine (if any) as one representative approach to a jointly concerned philosophical issue from a higher and/or broader vantage point, which constitutes the eventual focus point that would generate general philosophical interest to the wide community membership/readership of the co-sponsors of this conference event.]

There are the following expectations for the submissions to have a quality conference and that generate good critical discussion on scene and post conference engagement:

<1> A presentation paper to be submitted is expected to result from a later stage (with relatively well-developed explanation) of the author’s research project that makes more or less original contribution to our understanding and treatment of a jointly concerned philosophical issue (instead of merely at its initial stage that has yet to be refined).

<2> A roundtable discussion panel to be proposed is expected to capture the updated scholarship in the literature on the topic under examination. [At least two committed discussants are in a roundtable discussion panel; a separate panel chair can be included in the proposal.]

<3> An “author meets critics” panel is expected to focus on a recent published research writing that its proposal maker would render it original and philosophically interesting enough to generate a good constructive-engagement dialogue on the addressed jointly concerned issue. [At least one committed critic as well as the author are included in the proposal.]

**Participation and engaging discussion strategy:**

To effectively implement the foregoing mission emphasis, enhance the quality of engaging discussion, and facilitate the interested participants to benefit more from this mutual learning/engagement opportunity via this critical discussion platform, the following strategy of participation and engaging discussion is taken.

<1> To have a quality conference and generate a good critical discussion on scene, the specific quality-control expectations for the submissions are made as explained above.

<2> To have the submissions understandable and thus open to others’ criticism and engagement, they need to meet these basic academic expectations for a philosophical writing that is ready for criticism: careful explanation, rigorous argumentation, and clear expression.

<3> To enable the conference participants to be better prepared for discussion, the complete texts of individual research presentation, detailed outlines of critical-discussion and commentary and reply presentations (if any) will be sent to the registered participants for warming-up preview around two weeks ahead of the
conference.

4. To make sure sufficient critical discussion time, more than half of the time of a panel session will be allocated for discussion on scene, while the presentation time will be flexible given that the complete text of an individual research paper or detailed outline of a critical-discussion or commentary/reply presentation is already sent to the registered participants for warming-up preview.

Major timelines:

1. Submission of the package of an individual presentation paper [including: (a) a full (draft) text of the presentation paper (3000-5000 words); (b) its abstract (150-250 words)] or the proposal package for a roundtable discussion panel [including: (a) its proposal; (b) the identities of the discussants (and the panel chair if any); (c) detailed presentation outlines from at least two committed discussants] or the proposal package for an “author meets critics” panel [including (a) its proposal; (b) the identities of the author and committed critic(s); (c) the critic(s)’ (more or less detailed) presentation outline(s) to which the author will give his/her reply] by the end of January 2022 (when in need, can be extended to 15th February 2022).

2. The acceptance notifications of the submitted presentation papers, the proposed roundtable discussion panels and the proposed “author meets critics” panels will be sent to the authors and the proposal makers by the end of February 2022.

3. The interested participants are expected to make (free) registration by the end of March 2022 (so that the papers, panel session outlines, and some other materials for warming-up preview will be sent to the registered participants before the conference).

4. The final versions of the presentation papers (the final versions of the presentation papers), the roundtable discussion panels (full texts of engaging discussion papers) and the “author meets critics” panels (both critic’s and author’s detailed outlines) will be sent by 1st April 2022 for the registered participants’ warming-up preview.

5. The formatted versions of the texts of the presentation papers, and the texts of engaging discussion papers of the roundtable-discussion panels and the “author meets critics” panels will be sent to the registered participants by 9th April 2022 (around two weeks ahead of the conference) for warming-up preview.

6. The virtual conference via Zoom panel sessions will be held during the week of April 18 (Monday) -23 (Saturday) April 2022, with panel sessions (via Zoom meeting) arranged in a scattered way sensitive to the speakers/participants’ different international time zones and other relevant situational elements, instead of all sessions one by one within one or two days.

Post-conference engagement opportunities:

There might be opportunities of selected presentation papers, roundtable discussion panel or the “author meets critics” engaging dialogue panel (if available, and on the mutual-agreement basis) being considered for their publications [upon further (more or less) reviews ad revisions in some coming issues of the peer-reviewed open-access journal Comparative Philosophy, either as individual research papers in its regular “Articles” section (note: the general criterion for accepting submitted papers to be published in this section of the Journal is “original articles of high quality) or as a contribution to its “Special Topic” section or its “Constructive-Engagement Dialogue” section on a jointly-concerned topic.

Some of the critical-discussion panels in the conference, if further sufficient interests are assured, might serve as “seed” projects on the same issues/topics for further engaging discussions in future CPWP’s conferences/workshops.

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