

In the history of Chinese and European philosophy, metaphysics has played an outstanding role: it is a theoretical framework which provides the basis for a philosophical understanding of the world and the self. A theory of the self is well integrated in a metaphysical understanding of the totality of nature as a dynamic process of continuous changes. According to this view, the purpose of existence can be conceived of as the development and realization of the full potential given to the individual by its nature. In regard to human nature specifically, this idea of self-realization includes the development of all cognitive faculties as well as of the moral character.

Metaphysics has, however, suffered a loss of importance in current debates, especially in ethics. As a result, we observe the emergence of such philosophical views as moral skepticism and even nihilism. The consequence of this tendency has been the renunciation of a claim to understanding and to providing a solid ground for ethics.

Yet an intercultural dialogue can provide us with some hope as the consolidation of debates on crucial topics of our traditions might indeed serve as the basis for a more powerful philosophy in the future.

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FURTHER EVENTS IN SUMMERTERM 2011

7th-8th June – Conference
Figurations of Creativity. Melancholy and her Sisters - A Cross-Cultural Comparison

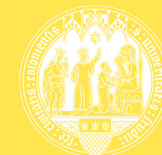
1st of July – Workshop
Formen der Artikulation

14th-15th Juli – Conference
Morphomes of Time – Changing Images of the Seasons in Cross-Cultural and Diachronic Perspective



METAPHYSICAL FOUNDATIONS OF KNOWLEDGE AND ETHICS IN CHINESE AND EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY

WORKSHOP
24.-25.06.2011



WORKSHOP JUNE 24-25, 2011

Friday, 24th of June 2011

- 09.30 Address of Welcome
- 09.45 **Guo Yi** (Beijing/Cologne) Dao and Daoic Philosophy – a General Introduction
- 10.00 **Richard Stichler** (Philadelphia) Human Nature and Cultures of War
- 10.50 **Hans-Georg Möller** (Cork) Emotions and Morality in Confucianism and Daoism
- 11.40 Coffee Break
- 12.00 **Sasa Josifovic** (Cologne) Figurations (Morphomata) of Freedom
- 12.50 **Paul Cobben** (Tilburg) Recognition as Unity Between Theoretical and Practical Reason
- 13.40 Lunch
- 15.10 **Günter Zöllner** (Munich) The Value of Knowledge and the Knowledge of Value. A Modernist Reply to Guo Yi
- 16.00 **Tilman Borsche** (Hildesheim) To Be Announced

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Saturday, 25th of June 2011

- 10.00 **Asuman Lätzer-Lasar** (Cologne) The Guodian Manuscripts in Their Archaeological-Historical Context
- 10.50 **Arran Gare** (Melbourne) Daoic Philosophy and Process Metaphysics: Overcoming the Nihilism of Western Civilization
- 11.40 Coffee Break
- 12.00 **Christian Krijnen** (Amsterdam/Tilburg) Rational Foundations of Knowledge and Values
- 12.50 **Ralph Weber** (Zurich) Making the Implicit Explicit – An Analysis of Some Comparative Claims in Guo Yi's Discussion of Chinese and European Philosophy
- 13.40 Lunch
- 15.10 **Andreas Speer** (Cologne) What Wisdom? On the (Dis-) Connection of Metaphysics and Ethics in Western Philosophy
- 16.00 **Chung-Ying Cheng** (Hawaii) Onto-Generative Epistemology (本体知识论)
- 16.50 **Guo Yi** (Beijing/Cologne) Summary

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