1st Annual Rutgers Workshop on Chinese Philosophy (RWCP)

An International Conference on Nature and Value in Chinese and Western Philosophies

April 4-5, 2013
Rutgers University Inn & Conference Center
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Organizers:
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Thursday, April 4, 2013

8:45 am – 9:00 am
Welcome Remarks
Joanna Regulska (Vice President for International and Global Affairs, Rutgers University)
Jeffrey King (Chair, Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University)

9:00 am – 10:30 am
The Role of Nature in Early Confucian Ethics
Moderator: Ching-I TU (Rutgers University)
Presenters:
Kwong-loi SHUN (Chinese University of Hong Kong) — Ethical Justification and Ethical Appeal
Sor-hoon TAN (National University of Singapore) — Xunzi and Naturalistic Ethics
Commentator: Ruth Chang (Rutgers University)

10:30 am – 10:45 am Coffee Break

10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Nature and Norm in Buddhism and Neo-Confucianism

Moderator: Sukhee Lee (Rutgers University)

Presenters:
Stephen Angle (Wesleyan University) — Nature (xing) as Ground of Ethics: Neo-Confucianism And/Versus Buddhism
Justin Tiwald (San Francisco State University) — The Relationship between Imperatives and Natural Tendencies in Neo-Confucianism
Commentator: Barry Leower (Rutgers University)

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm Lunch

1:45 pm – 3:45 pm

Crafting Human Nature in Early Confucianism

Moderator: Wendy Swartz (Rutgers University)

Presenters:
Amy Olberding (University of Oklahoma) — From Corpses to Courtesy: Xunzi’s Defense of the Artifice of Etiquette
Hagop Sarkissian (Baruch College, CUNY) — Manipulating Human Nature in Early Chinese Thought
David Wong (Duke University) — The Moral Craftsmen of Human Nature in the Analects and the Xunzi
Commentator: Owen Flanagan (Duke University)

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Coffee Break

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Happiness and Compassion in Comparative Ethics

Moderator: Jessey Choo (Rutgers University)

Presenters:
Jiyuan YU (SUNY Buffalo) — Moral Naturalism in Daoism and Stoicism
Tongdong BAI (Fudan University, China) — Mencius, Nietzsche, and the Nature of Compassion
Commentator: Michael Slote (University of Miami)

5:30 pm Reception and Dinner

Friday, April 5, 2013

9:00 am – 10:30 am  
**Facts and Values in Neo-Confucianism**  
Moderator: Deborah Sommer (Gettysburg College)  
Presenters:  
HUANG Yong (Kutztown University) — How To Derive Ought from Is: Zhu Xi’s Neo-Confucian Approach  
PENG Guoxiang (Peking University, China) — Nature as Value: A Confucian One-body Ecological Vision  
Commentator: Holly Smith (Rutgers University)

10:30 am – 10:45 am Coffee Break

10:45 am – 12:15 pm  
**Chinese Naturalistic Metaethics in Comparative Perspective**  
Moderator: Peter Klein (Rutgers University)  
Presenters:  
Chris Fraser (University of Hong Kong) — Chinese Naturalism and the Limits of Ethics  
JeeLoo LIU (California State University, Fullerton) — Grounding Objectivity in Confucian Ethics  
Commentator: Dean Zimmerman (Rutgers University)

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm Lunch
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**Virtue Epistemology and Chinese Philosophy**

Moderator: Chun-fang Yu (Columbia University)

Presenters:

Chienkuo MI (Soochow University, Taiwan) — What Is Knowledge? When Confucius Meets Ernest Sosa

Rueylin CHEN (National Chung-Cheng University, Taiwan) — Intellectual Virtues and Craft Knowledge in Traditional China

Hsiang-Min SHEN (Soochow University, Taiwan) — On Zhu Xi’s Theory of Investigation, Knowledge and Intellectual Virtue: A Perspective from Virtue Epistemology

Commentator: Ernest Sosa (Rutgers University)

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Coffee Break

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

**The Problem of Freedom in Confucian and Daoist Philosophical Projects**

Moderator: Richard Simmons (Rutgers University)

Presenters:

Tao JIANG (Rutgers University) — Isaiah Berlin and the Problem of Spiritual Freedom in the *Zhuangzi*

Kai Marchal (Soochow University, Taiwan) — Paradoxes and Possibilities of "Confucian Freedom": From Yan Fu (1853-1921) to Mou Zongsan (1909-1995)

Commentator: Larry Temkin (Rutgers University)

6:00 pm Dinner

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