

**Upcoming International Conference:
Heidegger, Daoism, and Intercultural Thinking Today**

Institute of Philosophy, Slovak Academy of Sciences, v.v.i.
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The philosophical pathways of Martin Heidegger were interwoven with East Asian interlocutors and sources throughout his lifetime. Heidegger first engaged visiting Japanese students and scholars in 1919, and his philosophy was already known in Japan by the late 1920s, where the first translations of his writings were published. Heidegger not only dialogued with, befriended, and even collaborated with Chinese and Japanese intellectuals throughout his life, but also his lectures and writings directly and indirectly interpreted Daoist and other East Asian sources over decades. Heidegger's paths in thinking continue to be pivotal for encounters and dialogues between European and East Asian philosophies and for contemporary intercultural thinking. Responding to recent work on Heidegger and Daoist philosophy, particularly Eric S. Nelson's monograph *Heidegger and Dao* (Bloomsbury, 2023) and David Chai's edited volume *Daoist Resonances in Heidegger* (Bloomsbury, 2022), the papers presented at this two-day conference will explore questions and topics addressing Heidegger's thinking, Daoist and East Asian philosophy, and the possibilities and pitfalls of intercultural dialogue and philosophy today.

Venue:

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Program

May 21

- 15:00 – 15:15 Richard Šťáhel & Lubomír Dunaj – Opening remarks
15:15 – 16:15 Eric Nelson (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology):
The Language of Things in Heidegger and Laozi
16:15 – 17:15 Fabian Heubel (Academia Sinica, Taipei):
Double Ontology? Heidegger's and Mǒu Zōngsān's Opposing Approaches to the *Lǎozǐ*
17:15 – 17:30 Coffee break
17:30 – 18:30 David Chai (Chinese University of Hong Kong):
The Fieldpath as a Conduit for Genuine Thinking

May 22

- 09:00 Xia Kejun (Renmin University of China, Beijing):
How to Use-Nothing in the age of AI? Chronology Distinction from Heidegger and Laozi
10:00 Jana Rošker (University of Ljubljana):
Sublating Anxiety: Heidegger's Notion of *Angst* and Xu Fuguan's Thesis of *Youhuan yishi*
11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break
11:15 – 12:15 Hye Young Kim (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris):
Middle Voice and *Ziran*: Heidegger, Dao, and a Geometrical Figuration
12:15 – 13:15 Mario Wenning (Loyola University Andalusia):
Daoism and Heidegger on Technology
13:30 – 14:30 Lunch
14:45 – 15:45 Kristína Bosáková (Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice):
Heidegger's Way in Gadamer's Hermeneutics
15:45 – 16:45 Selusi Ambrogio (University of Macerata):
Heidegger's nature-human Divide and the Chinese "one-body" Theory
16:45 – 17:00 Coffee Break
17:00 - 18:00 Rudi Capra (University of Torino, Fondazione 1563):
From Means to an End, To an End to a Means. Ancient Daoism and Late Heidegger on Freedom and Dependence
18:00 – 19:00 Kurt C.M. Mertel (American University of Sharjah):
Mindfulness, Appropriation, and Education as an Emancipatory Project