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Heidegger, Daoism, and Intercultural Thinking Today

(international conference)



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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, befriended, and even collaborated with Chinese and Japanese intellectuals throughout his life, his lectures and writings directly and indirectly interpreted Daoist and other East Asian sources for 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 *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.

Dates:

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Venue:

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Program

21 May 2024



15:00 – 15:15 – **Richard Stahel** (Institute of Philosophy, SAS) & **Lubomír Dunaj** (University of Vienna)
Opening remarks

15:15 – 16:15 – **Eric S. Nelson** (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
Heidegger, Lao-Zhuang Daoism, and the Freedom of Things

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

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09:00 – 10:00 – **Xia Kejun** (Renmin University of China, Beijing)
How to Use-Nothing in the age of AI? Chronology Distinction from Heidegger and Laozi

10:00 – 11:00 – **Jana S. Rošker** (University of Ljubljana)
Sublating Anxiety: Heidegger's Notion of *Angst* and Xu Fuguan's Thesis on *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 – **Coffe Break**

17:00 – 18:00 – **Rudi Capra** (University of Torino, Fondazione 1563)
From Means to an End, To an End to 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

