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From the Editor

*Greetings, fellow members
of ISCWP.*

*This issue features updates
from the society's members
on their various activities,
a Call for Papers,
information on the 2022-
2023 China Studies
Program Ph.D.
Fellowships, and finally
how you can support the
ISCWP.*

*We welcome your
continued support and
participation! To this end,
please see the end of this
newsletter for information
on dues and donations.*

*Any inquiries or feedback
regarding this issue are
welcome. Please send them
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Member News and Updates

Gad C. Isay, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

My article on memory in classical Chinese philosophy has been published in *Memory Studies* and will eventually be incorporated as an access free article into volume 15.2 (April 2022) of that journal.

Isay, G C., "Non-Forgetfulness and Forgetfulness 忘 (wang) in Ancient Chinese Philosophical Texts." *Memory Studies*. Pre-published October 5, 2021; DOI: 10.1177/0123456789123456

[Non-forgetfulness and forgetfulness 忘 \(wang\) in ancient Chinese philosophical texts - Gad C Isay, 2021 \(sagepub.com\)](https://www.sagepub.com/journals/online/doi/10.1177/0123456789123456)

Kenneth Winston, Harvard Kennedy School

"The Legal Vocation of Chinese Scholar-Officials: A Plan for Reform," in *Adventures in Chinese Realism: Classic Philosophy Applied to Contemporary Issues*, edited by Eirik Lang Harris and Henrike Schneider (SUNY Press).

"Notes on Building Democracy in Rural India," in *Unpacking Participatory Democracy: From Practice to Theory, Theory to Practice*, edited by Aruna Roy and Suchi Pande (Orient Blackswan Press, forthcoming).

Kevin DeLapp, Converse College

Portraits of Confucius: The Reception of Confucianism, 1560-1960, out from Bloomsbury Academic by the end of January 2022: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/portraits-of-confucius-9781350079229/>

This two-volume reference work features selections from over a 100 figures covering four centuries and writing from three continents, including sources by Voltaire, Benjamin Franklin, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Max Weber, Bertrand Russell, and Ezra Pound. Arranged chronologically, they represent methodologies that span philosophy, political science, religious studies, sociology, anthropology, economic theory, linguistics, missionary texts, and works of popular moralism. Together they reveal important ideological trends in Western attitudes toward China.

L'ubomír Dunaj, University of Vienna

I am currently finishing an anthology focusing on critical hermeneutics, which will be released in a couple of months. Although the book is not directly about Chinese philosophy, I think it can be a useful resource for those who approach Chinese philosophy from a hermeneutical perspective:

Kurt C. M. Mertel and L'ubomír Dunaj eds., *Hans-Herbert Kögler's Critical Hermeneutics*. Bloomsbury, forthcoming May 2022.

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/hansherbert-k%C3%B6glers-critical-hermeneutics-9781350228634/>

I am also preparing a special issue of *Pragmatism Today*, focusing on Heiner Roetz's critique of American "sino-pragmatism." More information on the Call for Papers.



Tao Jiang, Rutgers University

Tao Jiang (Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, US) published a new book, *Origins of Moral-Political Philosophy in Early China: Contestation of Humaneness, Justice, and Personal Freedom*, by Oxford University Press in September 2021.

He spent 15 years on the project, trying to piece together a new narrative involving many moving parts in the understanding of this foundational period of Chinese philosophy.

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/origins-of-moral-political-philosophy-in-early-china-9780197611364?cc=us&lang=en>

Wang Xiaonong, Ludong University

Much of my study in this half year has focused on ancient Chinese philosophy and translation discourse. I translated two articles authored by other Chinese scholars on ancient Chinese philosophy.

Articles

Wang Xiaonong. "A Critical Analysis of the English Translation of Wenfu Collected in 'Library of Chinese Classics'" [A] in *Collected Articles Dedicated to Studies of Chinese Cultural Concepts* [C], Beijing: Foreign Language Teaching and Research Press, 2021 (4).

Translated articles

1. Wang Xiaonong, trans. Confucius, Mencius, and Xunzi on Yu: Differential Confucian Theories of Yu in Light of the Desire Theory in Contemporary Western Ethics (Confucian Academy, 2021, No.3).

2. Wang Xiaonong, trans. The Shengsheng Philosophy of the Book of Changes and Its Interpretation: With Reference to Commentary on the Book of Changes and the Triple Concept of Yi (Confucian Academy, 2021, No.4, forthcoming).

3. Wang Xiaonong, trans. From the Thought of Chiman in the Pre-Qin and Han Dynasties to the Principle of Practicing Self-Cultivation and Exercising Government (Confucian Academy, 2021, No.4, forthcoming).

Academic Prize

A Critique of Translation Theories in Chinese Tradition: From Dao'an to Fu Lei (trans. Wang Xiaonong) won a provincial third prize for excellent achievements in social sciences and humanities.



CALL FOR PAPERS

PRAGMATISM TODAY

Lubomír Dunaj, University of Vienna

I would like to announce the call for papers for the upcoming special issue of Pragmatism Today: “Time for another Enlightenment: Reconstructing Modernities with Chinese Philosophy and World Pragmatism,” which I am preparing with Joseph Harroff (American University, Washington D.C.).

This issue has two main aims:

1) We would like to reconstruct the complexity of the larger discussion concerning the plausibility and desirability of a sort of “second Enlightenment” freed from its Western-centric, imperialist hubris. With the figure of Confucius as educator and moral philosopher at the heart of such a hermeneutic undertaking, we aim to expand the conversation about ethical universality beyond the bad universalisms haunting the hypocritical deployment of human rights discourse in the past and ongoing in the neo-imperial present. Although we could trace these discussions further back, we would do well to highlight a particularly resounding intensification of this philosophical conversation in 1987 when Roger Ames and David Hall published *Thinking Through Confucius*. The subsequent debates surrounding that text and its methodological proposals became part of a philosophy and cultural politics of ars contextualis.

2) In the context of theorizing the possibility of a philosophical culture offering alternative resources capable of realizing a “post-conventional” modernity on its own terms, largely freed from the transcendental pretenses and ontological anxieties of the liberal West, we hope that contributors will find the opportunity to creatively reflect on how pragmatist elements might facilitate more effective intercultural understandings, or ethically fruitful in projects seeking to “reconstruct” viable ethical and political philosophies from classical Chinese sources.

Please send your manuscript to Joseph Harroff (jharroff@american.edu) and Lubomír Dunaj (lubomir.dunaj@univie.ac.at)

Deadline for submissions: May 1, 2022

For more details see: <https://www.pragmatismtoday.com/index.php?id=callforpapers>



2022-2023 CHINA STUDIES PROGRAM (CSP) PH.D. FELLOWSHIPS OPENED FOR ADMISSION

Interested candidates can directly contact Prof. Mei Yang at yangmei@jlu.edu.cn

What program is this?

The "China Studies Program" (CSP) Ph.D. Fellowships were established by the Center for Language Education and Cooperation, which united with China's top universities and outstanding scholars, and is committed to providing opportunities and support to overseas young scholars and doctoral programs for studying in China. The program includes the Joint Research Ph.D. Fellowship and the Ph.D. in China Fellowship. Young scholars who meet the requirements are welcome to apply.

● **The Joint Research Ph.D. Fellowship:** Sponsors outstanding doctoral students enrolled in foreign universities to come to China for study, joint research and doctoral dissertation writing; generally, it is for one semester to two academic years.

● **The Ph.D. in China Fellowship:** Sponsors outstanding foreign master graduates to study for doctoral degrees in Chinese universities; according to the requirements of the university's educational system, it is generally to be completed within three or four years.

What will you gain?

Scholarships: Covers tuition, living expenses and research allowances, international traveling expenses, etc.

Academic resources: You will acquire academic training from [18 top Chinese universities](#); have the chance to participate in tailored forums, seminars, workshops and other academic activities; receive professional guidance from mentors from Chinese and foreign universities; and have in-depth interaction with Chinese and foreign scholars.

Future development: After graduation, you will have priority for gaining support from other projects within the "China Studies Program", such as the publication of doctoral dissertations or translations, further study in China, and opportunities to participate in international academic conferences.

Who can apply?

Those who aspire to engage in China-related research in humanities and social sciences, who have solid academic foundations, a targeted research topic or goal, and the ability to conduct research in Chinese. Specifically as follows:

● **The Joint Research Ph.D. Fellowship:**

Non-Chinese nationality;

Hànyǔ Shuǐpíng Kǎoshì (HSK) Level 3 or above;

PhD students that have formally registered with foreign certified universities.



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●The Ph.D. in China Fellowship:

Notarized transcripts and degree certificates from undergraduate and master education
(master candidates should provide proof of enrollment authorized by their school);

PhD research proposal;

2 recommendation letters from experts in the field;

Hànyǔ Shuǐpíng Kǎoshì(HSK) transcript.

What does the review process include?

Review by applicant's institutions of preference in China and Chinese supervisors;

Review by applicant's field's experts;

Online remote video interview.



Academic Support Fund

ACADEMIC SUPPORT FUND

The ISCWP board will strive to promote the study of philosophy as a universal human activity with a myriad embodied and localized instantiations, focusing on the analysis of Chinese and Western philosophical traditions in an integrated manner and from a comparative perspective, by facilitating the creation of spaces for discussion and exchange of scholarship.

To advance this mission, we consider it particularly important to encourage and empower young scholars and scholars without stable or well-funded positions to be full participants of our intellectual community, present their work, engage in meaningful and constructive dialogue, and enjoy networking opportunities at our meetings.

In this spirit, we have started an Academic Support Fund. We encourage those of you who find themselves in a position to do so to contribute to this fund by paying your voluntary dues or making a donation to the Society. These funds will be used to provide travel support, reimburse APA conference registration fees, and cover other similar expenses for our forthcoming meetings.



Dues and Donations

ISCWP's dues are voluntary but much needed. The suggested contribution is \$25 for regular members and \$10 for student members. Larger contributions are welcome.

We offer two ways of contributing dues:

Online

Preferred option. For the convenience of our members, we have established a Paypal account, which enables members to contribute dues by credit card. To use this method, please go to the [ISCWP Membership Page](#) and click on the appropriate button.

By check

Please make your check payable to ISCWP and send it to the following address:

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Many thanks,

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