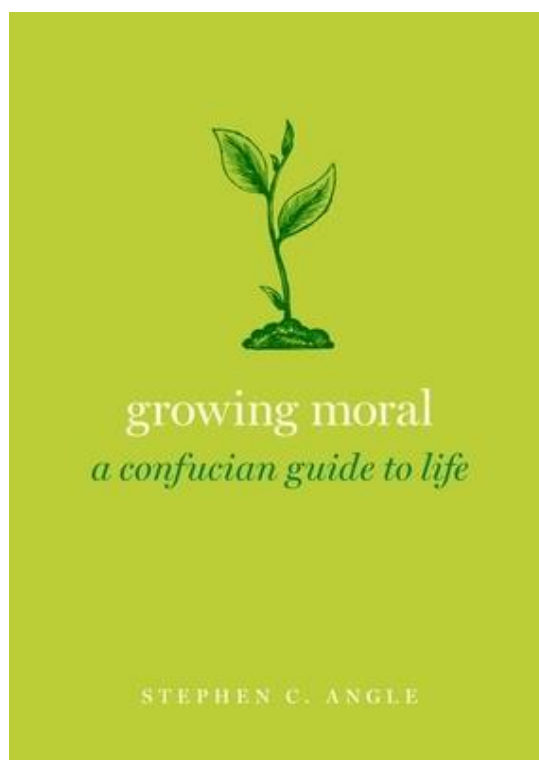


# Book Talk on Stephen Angle's Growing Moral: Living as a Progressive Confucian in the Twenty-First Century

- Based on the speaker's new book *Growing Moral: A Confucian Guide to Life*  
(Oxford University Press, 2022) -

**Date:** 8 April 2022 (Friday)  
**Time:** 10:00 am (HKT)  
**Venue:** Online (This talk will be held via  
Zoom.)

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## Introduction

Confucianism is a live tradition of philosophical reflection, personal growth, and socio-political engagement. This lecture summarizes the approach to Confucianism articulated in Stephen C. Angle's recent book, *Growing Moral: A Confucian Guide to Life* (Oxford, 2022). Confucians today can adopt a critical, synthetic approach to their 2500-year-old tradition of scholarship and practice; the lecture shows how thinkers as diverse as Mengzi, Xunzi, Zhu Xi, and Wang Yangming can all contribute to a coherent philosophy that also draws on the contemporary sciences. Along the way, we will see that the Confucian tradition itself must continue to grow as well, setting aside out-dated and oppressive practices without losing its focus on human virtuosity and on our robust relationships with all those with whom we share the cosmos.

## Author Biography

Stephen C. Angle is Director of the Fries Center for Global Studies, Mansfield Freeman Professor of East Asian Studies, and Professor of Philosophy at Wesleyan University. Angle specializes in Confucianism and comparative philosophy, and his research focuses on philosophy's role in ethics, politics, and human rights both in East Asia and globally. He has co-directed two NEH Summer Institutes and was awarded Wesleyan's Binswanger Prize for Excellence in Teaching. Angle is the author of five books and co-editor of two others.

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