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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank the outgoing President Alexis McLeod and Secretary-Treasurer Mercedes Valmisa for their hard work on behalf of the ISCWP. And I look forward to working with new Vice President Shirong Luo and Secretary-Treasurer Yuanfang Dai in the years to come.

During the months of my tenure as the president of the Society, there have been some important developments regarding the affairs of the Society that I need to report to everyone.

In August 2023, ISCWP in cooperation with "Comparative Philosophy Forum – Beijing Study Group" and International Society for Comparative Philosophy toward World Philosophy, and the international journal *Comparative Philosophy*, held the 2023 workshop of the "Comparative Philosophy Forum – Beijing". It is an intensive-discussion-oriented workshop focusing on the theme "Comparative Studies of Chinese Philosophy toward World Philosophy", covering a range of related issues that are worth further in-depth exploration. More than ten speakers made their thought-stimulating and in-depth presentations, and we engaged in detailed and critical discussions of their ideas and explanatory lines.

To enhance the healthy development of the ISCWP and in constructive response to some relevant updated situations in the past decades since the Society's establishment, we have made certain needed amendments on some clauses of the Society's Constitution over the past few months.

The Board has invited the following ISCWP colleagues to be members of the ISCWP's Consultancy Board, based on their substantial contributions to the healthy and constructive development of the ISCWP in fulfilling its mission (especially in the first decade since the Society established in 2002) [in the alphabetic order of their family names]: CHU, Zhaohua 储昭华 (Wuhan University); FUNG, Yiu-ming 冯耀明 (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology); HAN, Linhe 韩林合 (Peking University); JIANG, Tao 蒋韬 (Rutgers University / Secretary-Treasurer of the ISCWP Board 2002-05); TIWALD, Justin (University of Hong Kong / Secretary-Treasurer of the ISCWP Board 2008-11).

The ISCWP's new website has been established at <www.iscwponline.org> especially for the Society's relevant info since mid 2023; though website-builder service etc. are at a reasonable cost, the new website goes with better resources and technical support.

In summary, over the past few months, we have overcome many difficulties through our collective efforts, laying the foundation for the society's healthy development in the future. It is hoped that the society will become a vibrant academic platform in the future, providing a forum for scholarly exchange and interaction for scholars of comparative studies of Chinese and Western philosophy, specifically, and comparative philosophy, more generally from around the world.

Wish you all the best!

SUN Wei
January 2024



MEMBERS' RECENT WORKS

NOTES:

<1> The following includes some members' submissions about their recent relevant works in 2023 (optional - forthcoming works in 2024)

<2> The information (generally, as it is) given here is based on what are given in the submissions (maybe including editorial format/style modifications, sensitive to cases, and with a length limit up to around 200 words).

CHU, Zhaohua

There are two journal articles published in 2023:

(2023) <荀子“礼者，养也”的多层意蕴及其不同效应>，

《孔子研究》2023年第1期；

(2023) <“人皆可以为尧舜”的政治哲学意蕴>，《中原文化研究》2023年第4期。

Completing one edited volume:

(2023) 《中国哲学智慧》(人民出版社), which is one of the Core Textbooks of General Education at Wuhan University(武汉大学核心通识课教材).

CURZER, Howard

(2024) “I presented a paper entitled, “Mengzi's Dialogue with Gaozi and Gongduzi” at the Eastern Meeting of the APA on 1/16/24. The abstract is this

Mengzi 6A can be seen as a play consisting of five acts signaled by changes of speaker. I describe this dramatic context, and use it to shed light on the philosophy within 6A. In the first act, Mengzi and Gaozi are engaged in a *debate* (in which the goal is winning) rather than a *dialogue* (in which the goal is understanding). The apparent goal is intellectual progress, but the actual goal is to win the approval of the onlookers. Attending to this dramatic context reveals that Gaozi is not defending a single position. Instead, he moves from concession to concession under the repeated rebuttals of Mengzi. The middle three acts portray the debate of Gongduzi and Ming Jizi in order to invite the readers to do philosophy, themselves. Only in the last act of the dialogue does Mengzi speak both clearly and philosophically. He responds to Gongduzi's sincere questions by saying that some people end up with vices despite possessing a good human nature because they lack goods of fortune, and

others end up with vices because they make bad value choices caused by virtue's bad reputation."

DING, Xiaojun (丁晓军)

(2024) Xiaojun Ding, Feng Yu*, & Liang Zhao. "Reflections on TCM's Evidence-Based Practice and Efficacy Verification During the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Modernization of TCM from the Perspective of Systems Science", *Chinese Journal of Systems Science* (3): 46-52. (In Chinese)

(2024) Xiaojun Ding*, Sirui Fu, Chengcheng Jiao, & Feng Yu*, "Chinese Philosophical Practice toward Self-Cultivation: Integrating Confucian Wisdom into Philosophical Counseling", *Religions* 15(1): 69.

(2023) Yufang Han, Feng Yu*, & Xiaojun Ding*. "Morality in Decision-Making: The Trade-off of Sacred Values", *Chinese Journal of Applied Psychology* 29(4): 365-375. (In Chinese)

(2023) Jiahua Chen, Xiaojun Ding*, & Feng Yu. "Research on the Ethical Dilemmas of Nursing Robots Assisted Home-based Elderly Care: Based on Value Sensitive Design Theory", *Chinese Medical Ethics* 36(12): 1350-1357. (In Chinese)

(2023) Xiaojun Ding*, Yueyao Ma, Feng Yu*, & Lily M. Abadal, "The Therapy of Desire in Times of Crisis: Lessons Learned from Buddhism and Stoicism". *Religions* 14(2): 237.

GOLDIN, Paul R.

(2023) "Mencius in the Han Dynasty," in *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of Mencius*, ed. Yang Xiao and Kim-chong Chong (Cham, Switzerland: Springer, 2023), 49-61.

(2023) "The Problem of Looted Artifacts in Chinese Studies: A Rejoinder to Critics." *Dao* 22.1: 145-51.

(2023) "Xunzi," tr. Leandro Ferrari, ed. João Souza and Matheus Costa, in *Textos selecionados de filosofia chinesa II: A filosofia pré-imperial*, ed. André Bueno and Pedro Regis Cabral (Pelotas: NEPFIL Online, 2023), 443-65. [Portuguese translation of "Xunzi" entry for *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.]

(2024) "The Linguistics of Chinese Philosophical Keywords," in *The Routledge Handbook of Chinese Language and Culture*, ed. Liwei Jiao (London and New York), 83-98.

(2024) *The Worlds of Classical Chinese Aesthetics* (New York and London: Routledge), forthcoming in 2024 (ISBN 978-1032722986, 978-1032722979).

LI, Chenyang (李晨阳)

"I recently published a book [Reshaping Confucianism: A Progressive Inquiry](#), Oxford University Press, 2023.

Book description:

"Chenyang Li critically analyzes and develops a series of core ideas that originated from classic Confucian texts and does so in the context of contemporary scholarly discourse. These core ideas include he (dynamic harmony), ren (care-centered virtue), li (ritual propriety), xiao (filial care), bie (gender equilibrium), you (friendship), shou (longevity), sheng (sagehood), ziyou (freedom), ping (equality), zheng (politics), and jiao (civic education). Li combines in-depth analysis of historical teachings with systematic deliberation on their contemporary significance, reflecting the current state of the field of research. Each chapter shows how seminal ideas in Confucianism were conceived and developed by ancient thinkers and how these ideas can be reconstructed and aligned in a sensible Confucian philosophy that responds to contemporary challenges. The book raises and investigates fundamental questions: How central is harmony as a Confucian value? Can Confucian sages be wrong? Is Xunzi's philosophy of filial care more progressive than Confucius' and hence more suitable in contemporary society? What is the best form of Confucian gender equality today? Is the model of "politics without politicians" a viable way for realizing the Confucian political ideal of the good society? Study questions are provided for each chapter to assist students to comprehend key points and develop their own views.

MOU Bo (牟博)

Journal articles:

(2023) "An Enhanced Account of Relative Identity: Double-Reference Starting Point and Dual-Track Feature", *History and Philosophy of Logic* (first online July 2023 <<https://doi.org/10.1080/01445340.2023.2229611>>; 45.1 (Jan. 24).

(2023) "A Holistic Double-Reference Explanatory Basis of Truth for a Unifying Pluralist Account of Truth", invited essay for the special issue on the nature of truth in *Portuguese Journal of Philosophy (Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia)* 79.3 (2023): 1023-1066.

(2023) "Cross-Tradition Philosophical Engagement and Cross-Culture Dialogue: From a Holistic Vantage Point with Enhanced Explanatory Resources", *Culture and Dialogue* 11: 122-149.

Invited talks:

<1> A virtual talk (23 June 2023) on Gongsun Long and relative identity at an international symposium on philosophy of logic at UCLA, USA (21-23 June 2023);

<2> A talk on Lao Zi, Aristotle, and the principle of non-contradiction at the "Logic & Religion Webinar Symposium Series" (6 July 2023);

<3> A talk on philosophy and philosophical methodology

(in Chinese) at a humanities reading club (理想折射) of Chinese-origin hi-tech professionals from Google, Apple, Facebook, etc. in the Bay Area (9 July 2023), posted at <www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuYPILUUr9g&t=1s>.

Book:

A monograph book *Cross-Tradition Engagement on the Laws of Logic: Approaching Identity and Reference from Classical Chinese Philosophy to Modern Logic* (in "Routledge Studies in Contemporary Philosophy" monograph series) forthcoming in 2024.

SELLMANN James D.

(2023) co-edited, 2023, *Living Confucianism: Strategies for Optimizing Harmony*, edited with R. James Ferguson and Rosita Dellios, Introduction by Roger T. Ames, was published by Rowman and Littlefield in December. My chapter is entitled "Confucian Political Philosophy as an Organic Contract Theory." I have a chapter entitled, "The *Daodejing* and the *Lüshi Chunqiu*: Huang-Lao Cosmic and Political Order," in *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of the Daodejing*, edited by Liu Xiaogan, 2023, Switzerland: Springer Nature. I served as Editor of *Pacific Asia Inquiry*, volume 13, 2022 www.uog.edu/pai. I have a forthcoming chapter entitled "Zhu Xi, Daoism and Internal-Meditative Alchemy" in *Intercultural Zhu Xi*, edited by Chun-chieh Huang, David Jones, Kirill Thompson, 2024. Marcin Jacoby and I are co-editing *The Philosophy of the Lüshi Chunqiu* in the *Dao Companion* series with Springer Nature, forthcoming 2025 or 2026.

TIWALD, Justin

(2023) "‘Getting It Oneself’ (*Zide* 自得) as an Alternative to Testimonial Knowledge and Deference to Tradition," *Oxford Studies in Epistemology* 7
Abstract: This paper offers a philosophical account of "getting it oneself," as conceived by its most influential Confucian proponents. I describe its most notable features, including its tendency to enhance epistemic confidence and what I call "self-discovery aspects" of the phenomenon. I then offer an interpretation of Zhu Xi's and the Cheng brothers' claim that some parts of the deliberative process should be spontaneous or unforced. I conclude by pointing to some of the broader implications of my reading for Chinese philosophy and current debates about moral deference and autonomy.

(2023) "Coming to Terms with Wang Yangming's Strong Ethical Nativism," *Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture* 39

Abstract: In this paper, I take up one of Wang's most audacious philosophical claims, which is that an achievement that is entirely concerned with correcting one's own inner states, called "establishing sincerity"

(*licheng* 立誠) can help one to fully grasp all ethically pertinent matters, including those that would seem to require some ability to know or track facts about the wider world.

<https://philpeople.org/profiles/justin-tiwald>

VALMISA, Mercedes

In 2023, Mercedes Valmisa contributed one chapter to an edited volume exploring the intersections between truth and practice in philosophy, titled "Truth and Ideology in Classical China: Mohists vs Zhuangists." In *Practices of Truth in Philosophy: Historical and Comparative Perspectives*, edited by Pietro Gori and Lorenzo Serini, New York: Routledge, 61-83.

Mercedes also published an article titled "Wang Bi and the Hermeneutics of Actualization" included in the volume *The Craft of Oblivion: Aspects of Forgetting and Memory in Ancient China*, edited by Albert Galvany, Albany: SUNY, 245-270.

You can freely access these and other publications on her [PhilPeople page](http://PhilPeople.org).

Finally, she talked about her 2021 book, *Adapting. A Chinese Philosophy of Action* (OUP), during an interview with Jessica Zu. You can listen to the discussion on this [New Books Network Podcast](#).

WANG Ronghua (王榮華)

One Hundred Icons of Chinese Literature and Art (Book I and Book II), compiled by Wang Ronghua was published in November of 2023 by New Classic Press in the UK. The list of 100 works was proposed by the Chinese National Academy of Arts in May 2022 to mark the 80th anniversary of Mao Zedong's Talk on Literature and Art in Yanan. The compiler and the contributors gave a brief introduction to each of the works on the list.

**ISCWP EVENT IN 2023:
CO-SPONSORED WORKSHOP
(1-2 AUGUST 2023)**

“Comparative Philosophy Forum – Beijing”

2023 Workshop

“比較哲學論壇•北京” 2023年學術研討會

Theme: “Comparative Studies of Chinese

Philosophy Toward World Philosophy

主題：“走向世界哲學的中國哲學比較研究”

Workshop Description 學術研討會簡介

Host & Co-Sponsor: Comparative Philosophy Forum - Beijing Study Group 東道主/主辦方：比較哲學論壇北京研究組

In Cooperation with (1) International Society for Comparative Philosophy toward World Philosophy (CPWP) 比較哲學暨世界哲學國際學會; (2) International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy (ISCWP, *July 2023-June 2026 term*) 國際中西哲學比較研究學會; (3) International philosophy journal *Comparative Philosophy* 國際哲學雜誌《比較哲學》

Time : 1st-2nd August 2023 / on site and via Zoom/OWL

Location: Conference Room of National Library Hotel, Beijing, China

“Comparative Philosophy Forum – Beijing Study Group” (an academic study group in Beijing, China), in cooperation with International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy (ISCWP, <iscwp.org>), International Society for Comparative Philosophy toward World Philosophy (CPWP, <www.cpwponline.org>), and the international journal *Comparative Philosophy*, <www.comparativephilosophy.org>, hold the 2023 workshop of the “Comparative Philosophy Forum – Beijing”, on 1st and 2nd August 2023, Beijing, China. It is an intensive-discussion-oriented workshop focusing on the theme “*Comparative Studies of Chinese Philosophy toward World Philosophy*”, covering a range of related issues that are worth further in-depth exploration, including (but not limited to) these:

- How can comparative philosophy (as a general way of doing philosophy through cross-tradition engagement toward world philosophy) significantly contribute to creative studies of Chinese philosophy toward world philosophy?
- How can cross-tradition approach play its substantial roles in philosophical interpretation of the classical Chinese texts?
- How can relevant approaches/resources of Chinese philosophy and of other philosophical traditions (understood broadly, distinguished either culturally, or by style, or through strategic orientation) constructively engage with and learn from each other and make joint contributions to the development of philosophy worldwide and of contemporary society?
- What constructive morals and lessons can be drawn in relevant connections from the previous studies? and so

on.....

Main Program [international participants via Zoom through OWL]

1st August 2023, Tuesday

Conference Room of the National Library Hotel (国图宾馆 · 北京市中关村南大街33号)

To have a better understanding and good discussion, the speakers' detailed outlines will be sent to the core participants for the sake of the participants' warming-up preview and of good critical discussion on scene.

Opening Remarks

SUN Wei (孙伟 Philosophy Institute, Beijing Academy of Social Sciences, China)

Session 1: On the Theme

Chair: SUN, Wei

Speaker: MOU, Bo (牟博 San Jose State University, USA)

“On Cross-tradition Engaging Studies of Chinese Philosophy toward World Philosophy”

(论走向世界哲学的中国哲学跨传统交锋-交融研究)

Session 2

Chair: DING, Xiaojun (丁晓军 Xi'an Jiaotong University, China)

Speakers: YE, Jiabin (叶甲斌 Sun Yat-sen University,

China) & ZHOU, Hongyin (周宏胤 Nankai University, China)

“Association of Free Individuals and *Tian-Xia*: A Possible Dialogue between Two Theories of World” (自由人的联合体和天下：两种世界理论的可能对话)

Session 3:

Chair: ZHOU, Hongyin

Speaker: LUO, Shirong (罗轼融 Simmons University, USA) [via OWL]

“A New Look at the Controversy between Confucianism and Legalism and Its Contemporary Significance” (一个看待儒法之争的新视野及其当代意义)

Session 4

Chair: SUN, Wei

Speaker: LIU, Yuedi (刘悦笛 Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China)

“Living Aesthetics: the World and China” (生活美学：全

球与中国)

Session 5

Chair: MEI, Jianhua (梅剑华 Shanxi University, China)

Speaker: MASON, Joshua (Loyola Marymount University, USA)

“Coming to Truth through Fusion with Chinese Metaphors” (通过与汉语隐喻融合而达成真理)

Session 6:

Chair: MOU, Bo

Speakers: ODA, Takaharu (小田崇晴 Southern University of Science and Technology, Shenzhen, China) & ZHENG, Jieyou (郑杰友 The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China) [via OWL]

“The Buddhist Seng Zhao’s Roots in Neo-Daoism: *Ex Contradictione Nihil*” (僧肇思想的玄学来源：无来自于矛盾)

Session 7:

Chair: HE, Haoping (何浩平 Southeast University, China)

Speaker: DAI, Yuanfang (戴远方 Michigan State University, USA) [via OWL]

“Through the (Intellectual) Looking Glass: An Argument for Chinese Feminist Philosophy in Transcultural Contexts” (透过 (学术之) 镜：跨文化语境里关于中国女性哲学的论证)

Session 8:

Reflective Dialogue on Comparative Studies of Chinese Philosophy toward World Philosophy

Engaging Dialogue Speakers:

DING, Xiaojun (丁晓军 Xi'an Jiaotong University, China / via OWL)

HANSEN, Chad (University of Hong Kong) [via OWL]

HE, Haoping (何浩平 Southeast University, China)

MEI, Jianhua (梅剑华 Shanxi University, China)

Side Program [optional; in Chinese; face-to-face chat]
2nd August 2023, Tuesday

(1) **Morning, 9 am – 11am**, Salon area (first floor),
Mercure Hotel (on scene without zoom)

Informal get-together dialogue chat over some jointly concerned issues related to academic development of

Chinese younger scholars in view of the challenges and prospects of the domestic and international academic settings, the issue of philosophical methodology related to cross-tradition engagement, etc.

(2) Afternoon:

A tour with the guide taking a deeper look at one of the main venues for the traditional culture and humanistic scenery in Beijing (“the area of the Eastern Route of the Imperial Inner City & the cultural segment of Wangfujing Street) 北京传统文化人文荟萃地之一深度游 [东皇城根/王府井文化区：隆福寺文化城、中国美术馆、沙滩红楼（五四运动发源地）、北京人艺、明朝东厂、老舍等故居、民盟/民革、…]

(The report is provided by MOU Bo)



**ISCWP PANEL AT
APA PACIFIC DIVISION
2024 MEETING (PORTLAND,
USA / March 20-23, 2024)**

To enhance academic exchange and critical discourse for ISCWP members, especially those keen on participating in APA division meetings, the ISCWP Board has successfully coordinated a group session for the 97th APA Pacific Division meeting. This event is scheduled to unfold from March 20 to March 23 at the Hilton Portland Downtown in Portland, Oregon. Our impressive panel comprises three young scholars: Sophia Feiyan Gao, Adrian Liu, and Victoria Sukhomlinova. The discussions on their respective papers are slated for Thursday, March 21, from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M, PST. This session promises to be a valuable platform for intellectual engagement and scholarly interaction.

(The report is provided by LUO Shirong)

**ISCWP CO-SPONSORED
ROUNDTABLE AT 25TH WCP
(AUGUST 2024)**

To celebrate the ISCWP 20th anniversary, the ISCWP in cooperation with the international journal *Comparative Philosophy* is to publish a special issue in Volume 15, No. 2 (July/August 2024 issue) of *Comparative Philosophy* on the theme "Comparative Studies of Chinese Philosophy Toward World Philosophy". The special issue consists of the selected research articles that were presented at the ISCWP co-sponsored workshop, the "Comparative Philosophy Forum – Beijing" 2023 workshop" (1 & 2 August 2023, Beijing, China – see its report above), revised in response to the participating peers' commentary

feedback received at the foregoing workshop event, and finally further refined and polished through critical examination through a Roundtable panel at the 25th World Congress of Philosophy (1-8 August 2024, Rome, Italy), which will be co-sponsored by the ISCWP and the journal *Comparative Philosophy* (the selected contributors either on the scene or through virtual OWL via Zoom).

In this way, both for the sake of further enhancing quality and to bring some most recent research fruits to the interested colleagues through the WCP channel, the authors of the contributing articles will further examine the theme:

**COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF CHINESE
PHILOSOPHY TOWARD WORLD PHILOSOPHY**

ABSTRACT

This roundtable further examines the theme of how *comparative studies of Chinese philosophy toward world philosophy* is possible, given *comparative philosophy* as a *general way of doing philosophy through cross-tradition engagement toward world philosophy*. The theme has three dimensions: <1> its *nature* dimension that guides such studies to do philosophy instead of merely historical description of what appear similar and different; <2> its *approach* dimension that guides such studies to go through the method of cross-tradition engagement (critically engaging with while constructively learning from each other); <3> its *direction* nature that guides such studies to move toward world philosophy in which such studies <i> contribute to the contemporary development of philosophy on a range of issues that can be jointly concerned in different traditions and <ii> bring about the constructive social impact on the development of the human society worldwide. This roundtable consists of both general theoretic examination and specific case analyses. It also has its methodological significance on comparative studies of other philosophical traditions toward world philosophy.

[Note: for its relevant details to be finalized, contact <iscwp2023@outlook.com>]

(The report is provided by MOU Bo)



DUES & DONATIONS

Being sensitive to distinct specific situations of the members in various regions, the ISCWP does not charge mandatory dues but voluntary membership dues. The members who find themselves in a position to contribute are encouraged to contribute voluntary annual membership dues [US\$25.00]. Voluntary donations to the ISCWP are welcome and appreciated.

Contributions (voluntary annual membership dues or voluntary donations) can be made to the ISCWP in one of the following two ways:

(1) **via the PayPal account**, which is convenient to those both outside and within USA without transaction fee while being safe, quick and private [one needs to set up one's own free PayPal personal account at www.paypal.com] for sending one's contribution (from one's checking account or credit card account associated with one's PayPal account) to the Society's PayPal account by entering the outlook email address at the "Send" [<iscwp2023@outlook.com>](mailto:iscwp2023@outlook.com)

(2) **via check or money order** which can be sent to the ISCWP Secretary-Treasurer at the following mailing address:

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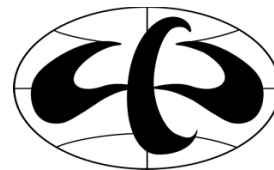
The ISCWP has registered as a non-profit organization whose "public charity" tax exempt status under IRC Section 501(c)(3) has been approved by IRS. The donation to the ISCWP is to count, for U.S. tax purposes, as a charitable donation. For the tax purpose of potential donors in the USA, the Society's EIN ("Employer Identification Number" - also called "Tax ID Number"), which has been issued by the IRS, is this: **71-0898176**.

TIDBITS OF ISCWP

Editorial Note:

To help the interested members be familiar with the whole history and development of ISCWP (its *raison d'être*, mission, features, on-going developments, etc.), a special column series entitled "Tidbits of ISCWP" is established in the ISCWP Newsletter series, which is not necessarily in each volume but flexibly might be included in some of the subsequent volumes, sensitive to situations and needs. The first of this "Tidbits of ISCWP" series is a story about the ISCWP Emblem: its creation and meaning.

ABOUT ISCWP EMBLEM



Explanation of the ISCWP Emblem:

- (1) The 'C'-like shape in the middle signifies 'C' ('Chinese') in the 'ISCWP'.
- (2) The 'W'-like shape across 'C'-like shape signifies 'W' ('Western') in the 'ISCWP'.
- (3) The 'C'-'W' shapes together in the emblem, on the one hand, represents the first Greek letter 'Φ' of the Greek counterpart term of the word 'philosophy'.
- (4) The 'C'-'W' shapers together in the emblem (or, one can say, the 'Φ'), on the other hand, also looks like the Chinese character '中', which itself goes with its relevant, positive multiple meanings in this context [say, somehow relating to *Chinese* (中华/中華), *the mean between extremes*, *being adequate*, etc.].
- (5) The background global icon indicates the international character of the Society, also suggesting its connection with world philosophy (ISCWP aims at "promoting comparative studies of Chinese philosophy and Western philosophy (possibly including relevant resources from other philosophical traditions whenever in need) toward world philosophy" (cited from the ISCWP Constitution).

Note: The ISCWP emblem was originally designed by Bo Mou in 2002; some contents of its due explanation were then contributed by the inputs from the members' discussion (with further elaboration by the designer).

(The report is provided by MOU Bo)