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# In 2021



Workshop “How the Chinese Public Views AI,” last in the “AI Narratives in China” series with Cambridge University’s Leverhulme Center

**February 2**



Center hosts the ethics forum at the 2021 Global AI Technology Conference, focusing on digital governance, AI ethics, and human society

**June 6**



Second Global Thinkers Series event with *Caixin* Media, featuring Wang Gungwu: “Understanding the Sinic Civilization in World History”

**August 19**



*Intelligence and Wisdom: Artificial Intelligence Meets Chinese Philosophers* published by Springer

**September**



*Social Robots: Boundaries, Potential, Challenges*, first book from the Berggruen translation series published by Peking University Press

**November**

**April 17**

Second international *Tianxia* conference on “*Tianxia* in Comparative Perspective: Alternative Models of Geopolitical Order”



**June**

*All under Heaven: The Tianxia System for a Possible World Order* by senior fellow Zhao Tingyang published by University of California Press



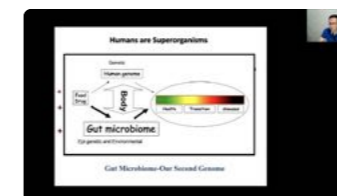
**July 26**

Launch of project “Imagining Futures” with the first workshop on “AI, Robots, and Human Society in Thirty Years”



**August 20**

Launch of project “Symbiosis in Life Sciences and the Notion of *Gong Sheng* in Eastern Philosophies”; first workshop on “Symbiosis: Perspectives of Life Science and Philosophy”

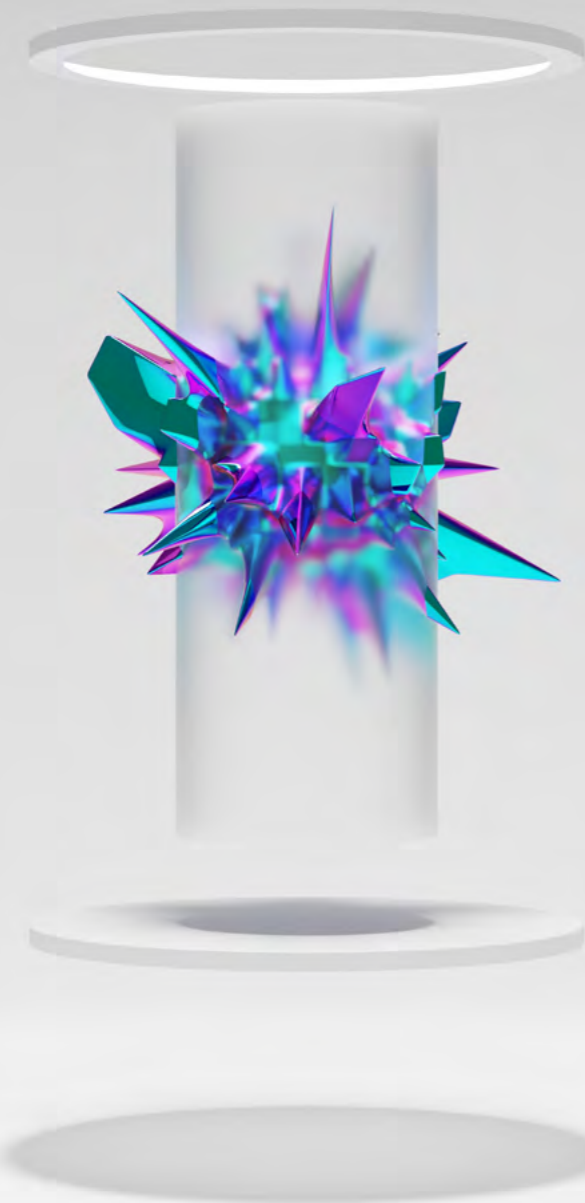


**November**

*Out of the Anthropocene: Philosophical Musings on the Relationship between Humanity and Nature* (Chinese) published by CITIC Press



# Letter from the Chairs



Another year has passed, and the Berggruen Research Center (the Center) at Peking University (PKU), in spite of the difficulties brought on by the pandemic, is quickly reaching its full institutional stride. We together with the other members of the Center's Academic Advisory Council (Wang Bo, Vice-President, PKU; Yuan Ming, Dean, Yenching Academy, PKU; Shang Xinjian, Professor of Philosophy, PKU) were delighted to receive a detailed annual report from the Center's Co-Directors Song Bing and Liu Zhe as well as the expanding staff working under Associate Director Li Xiaojiao.

The project on artificial intelligence and frontier technologies has grown and expanded into related fields such as ethics of genetic engineering, technologies and society, future studies, new technologies and art, and artificial intelligence and ethics. A particularly notable development has been the publication of English and Chinese monographs *Intelligence and Wisdom: Artificial Intelligence Meets Chinese Philosophers* that locate the development of these new technologies within the traditional values of its interpretive context. A new cohort of fellows has added the strength of their ongoing work in the related areas of robotics, cutting edge medical breakthroughs, neurobiology, philosophy of science, and more. And the Berggruen Seminar Series continues to share the newest research developments with a local and global community.

Under the rubric of *Tianxia* or "All-under-Heaven," the project on globalization and a new planetary geopolitical order has continued with the publication of Zhao Tingyang's *All under Heaven: The Tianxia System for a Possible World Order*, and the translation of a second

volume of his is now under review. The multi-year dialogue between Indian and Chinese culture has produced the volume *Bridging Two Worlds: Comparing Classical Political Thought and Statecraft in China and India* that is now at press. Again, two anthologies edited from the presentations at the first two *Tianxia* conferences are being reviewed for publication, and a new international online conference on the theme of "A Minimalist Morality for a Planetary Geopolitical Order" has been organized for next summer. This continuing conversation among some of the most distinguished minds of our times will be searching for a shared morality that can provide the solidarity needed to bring humankind together in this dark hour.

One more exciting programmatic development that consolidates the different academic initiatives and ties them together is the shared value of *Gong Sheng* or an optimizing symbiosis. The Center makes an effort to explore science, natural philosophy, as well as opportunities for planetary governance, in order to maximize the possibilities for the shared future of humankind.

We on the Academic Advisory Council want to acknowledge the remarkable accomplishments of the Center over this brief three-year period. An exciting idea is quickly taking shape as a flourishing institution that itself is an object lesson in what is meant by an optimizing symbiosis. We know it is specific people working in the Center as leaders, staff, and fellows who are the source of this synergy, and we extend to each of them our appreciation and our fullest support.

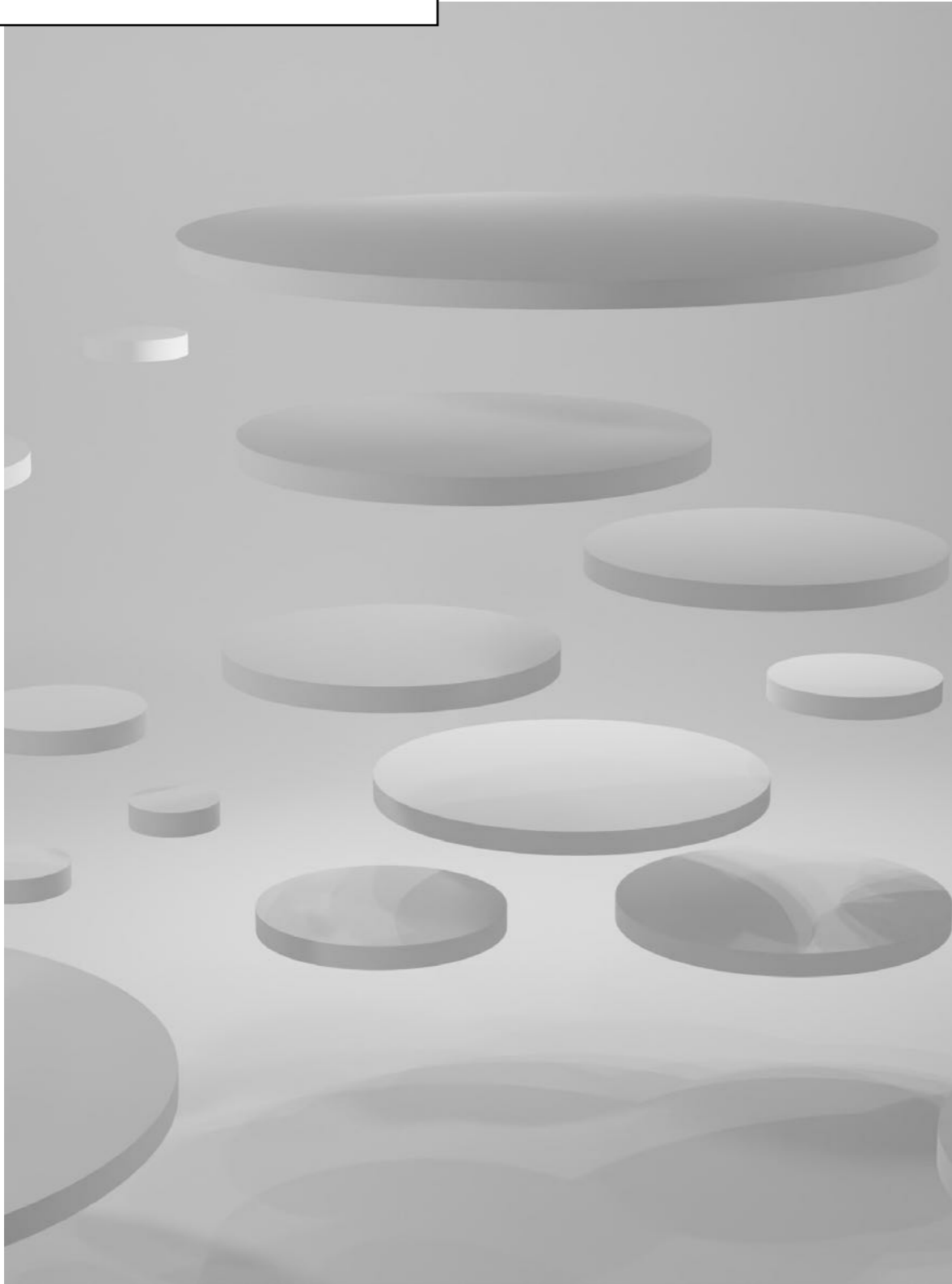


**Lin Jianhua**  
Co-Chair, Academic Advisory Council  
Berggruen Research Center, Peking University  
Former President, Peking University



**Roger T. Ames**  
Co-Chair, Academic Advisory Council  
Berggruen Research Center, Peking University  
Senior Academic Advisor, Berggruen Institute China Center

# Letter from the Directors



Throughout 2021, we have been navigating the “new normal” as we enter the third year of the global pandemic. While international borders remain largely closed and our life has been subject to unpredictable lockdowns and social distancing policies, we managed to continue our programming activities and launch several new projects.

**We published four books in 2021.** An abridged version of the Center's first book *Intelligence and Wisdom: Artificial Intelligence Meets Chinese Philosophers* was translated to English and published by Springer in September. *All under Heaven: The Tianxia System for a Possible World Order*, an English translation of philosopher Zhao Tingyang's seminal work on the *Tianxia* system, was published by University of California Press in June. *Out of the Anthropocene: Philosophical Musings on the Relationship between Humanity and Nature* (in Chinese), a collection of reflective essays by Berggruen fellows on the Covid pandemic, was published by CITIC Press in November. Lastly, in partnership with Peking University Press, we published the first book in our translation series on AI ethics — *Social Robots: Boundaries, Potential, Challenges* by Marco Nørskov.

**We have reached new milestones in ongoing projects and launched new ones.** Our flagship project *Tianxia* (All-under-Heaven) had its second international conference this year on alternative models of geopolitical order. The corresponding project report “Taking the World as the World: In Search of a Planetary World Order” details key findings of this project since its launch in 2018. Our new project on planetary philosophy explores the intersections of life sciences, ecological studies, and *Gong Sheng* (co-survival and mutual embeddedness) in Chinese philosophical traditions. In another new project, “Imagining Futures,” we invite scientists, philosophers, international strategists, ecologists, artists, and science fiction writers to imagine human society in 30 years' time. This project aims to promote evidence-based and future oriented ethical thinking. We have produced an interim project report to capture the rich discussions from our first workshop.

**In the second episode of the Global Thinkers Series,**



**Song Bing**  
Co-Director,  
Berggruen Research Center, Peking University  
Vice President, Berggruen Institute

a collaboration with *Caixin* Global, **we hosted Professor Wang Gungwu**, the Singapore based historian and former Vice Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, for a conversation on “Understanding the Sinic Civilization in World History.” He focused on the Eurasian Core Theory and how it has shaped the Sinic Civilization and China's current geostrategic thinking. The event attracted over 300 Zoom guests and the recording has been watched over 60k times.

**Our online content platform — 睿** (the Chinese character for wisdom) has published a total of 93 articles — some are translations of articles published by the Institute's flagship journal *NOËMA* and some are original contributions — since its launch in October 2020. A column by our fellow Bai Shunong on life systems and lessons from human evolution has generated discussion among philosophers. Bai's column and the debates it engendered have also inspired a dialogue series between life scientists and humanities scholars, which we will launch in early 2022.

**We continued with our Berggruen Seminar Series** and featured topics such as gene editing, societal development in the era of high-tech, big data and scientific thinking, and applied mathematics and its worldviews.

**The Center welcomed a new cohort of fellows**, including philosophers, sociologists, biologists, computer scientists, and brain scientists. Chen Haidan, Chen Xiaoping, Ge Jianqiao, Li Chenjian, Liu Xiaoli and Zhang Xianglong will lead projects on AI ethics, brain-computer interfaces, brain development and new forms of intelligence, gene editing and ethics, embodied cognition, and alternative sci-fi and the philosophy of family.

Last but not least, **the Center bid farewell to its first employee — Shelley Hu**, who has embarked on a PhD program in environmental economics. **We welcomed Sun Xinwei**, our new program coordinator, to the team.

We wish you all a healthy and active winter ahead. Look forward to a roaring year of the Tiger in 2022!



**Liu Zhe**  
Co-Director,  
Berggruen Research Center, Peking University  
Deputy Chair, Department of Philosophy and  
Religious Studies, Peking University

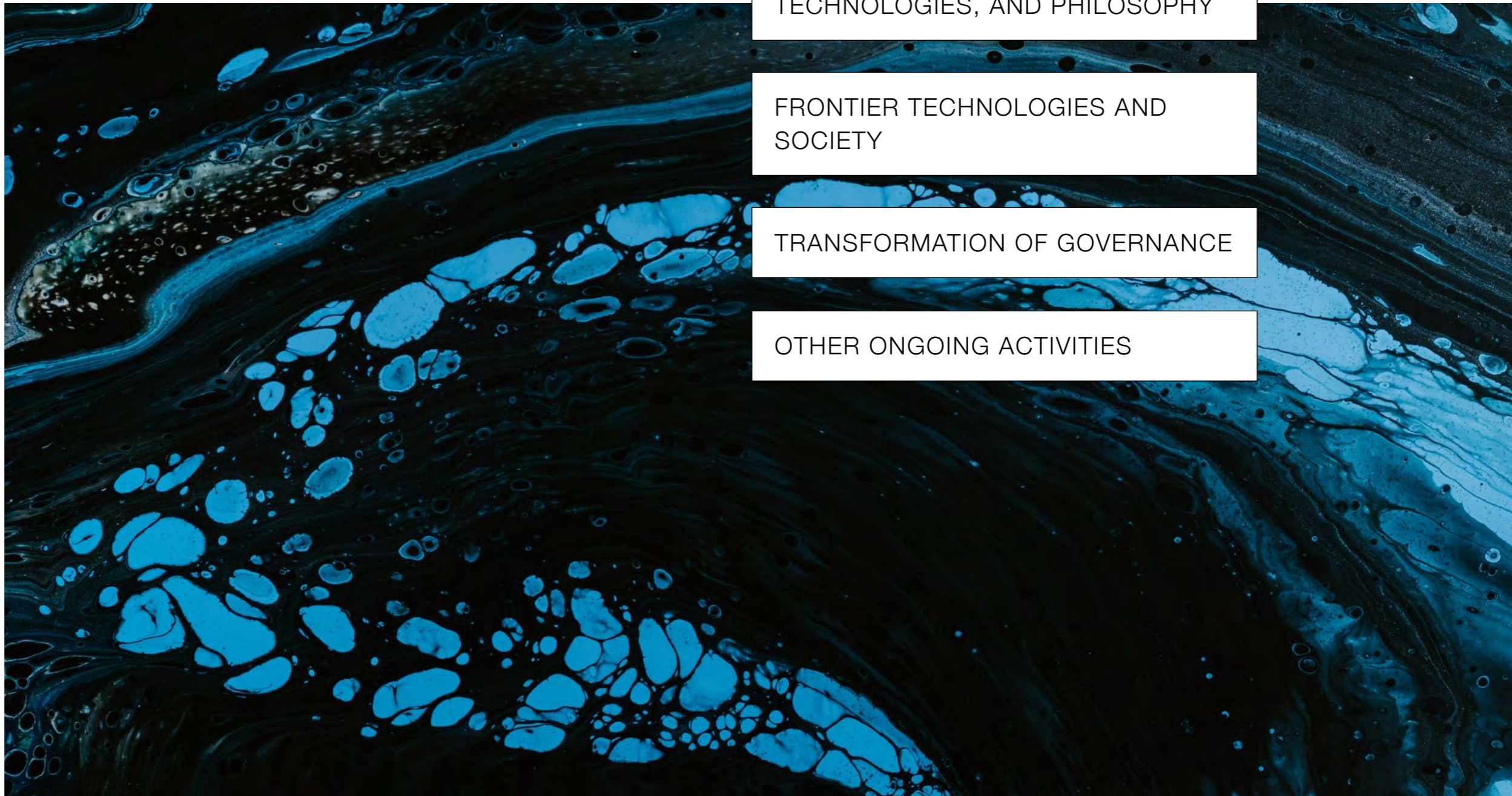
# Program Areas

FRONTIER SCIENCES,  
TECHNOLOGIES, AND PHILOSOPHY

FRONTIER TECHNOLOGIES AND  
SOCIETY

TRANSFORMATION OF GOVERNANCE

OTHER ONGOING ACTIVITIES



# Frontier Sciences, Technologies, and Philosophy

We live in an era of explosive knowledge growth. Frontier sciences and technologies allow humans to understand the world in unprecedented ways at speeds faster than in any other time in history. At the same time, they have also created new perspectives for human beings to understand themselves.

We believe it is imperative to make full use of intellectual resources from across the world to explore topics in philosophy which can respond to the challenges from frontier technological paradigms, connect the past with the future, and provide an interdisciplinary road map for the way ahead. In this way we can develop and shape impactful philosophical, scientific, and technological concepts that serve humanity better.

## PROJECT

### Symbiosis in Life Sciences and the Notion of Gong Sheng in Eastern Philosophies

The ideas related to symbiosis and co-existence advocate the use of the principle of community to resolve conflicts, to build an intersubjective relationship with nature, society, and other beings, to realize the co-prosperity of individuals, groups, the ecosphere, and even civilization, and to imagine a future-oriented and harmonious world. It can be said that the rediscovery of universal symbiosis in biology since the twentieth century is not only a revelation of the laws of empirical science, but also a philosophical perspective with profound connotations and guidelines to action.

The notion of *Gong Sheng*, translated as optimal symbiosis or co-existence and mutual embeddedness, has a long and deep tradition in Eastern philosophy, and it deserves to be further explored and discussed to form consensus despite the context of global crises.

We plan to explore the intellectual connotations and contemporary value of symbiosis and co-existence from various fields, including philosophy, sociology, economics, and global governance. We held two workshops in 2021, entitled "Symbiosis: Perspectives of Life Science and Philosophy" and "'Symbiosis' and *Gong Sheng*: Conceptions, Meanings, and Construction."



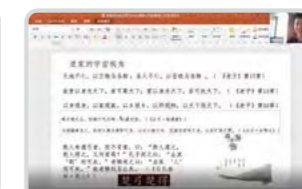
The second workshop "Symbiosis' and *Gong Sheng*: Conceptions, Meanings, and Construction," October 10, Beijing



Ren Xiao presents "Introducing the Concept of Symbiosis in International Relations Theory" at the second workshop, October 10, Beijing



Ishii Tsuyoshi discusses "Chinese Philosophy and the Imagination of a Symbiotic World" at the first workshop, August 20, online



Chen Xia discusses "Daoism's View of the Wealth of Heaven and Earth" at the first workshop, August 20, online

# Frontier Technologies and Society

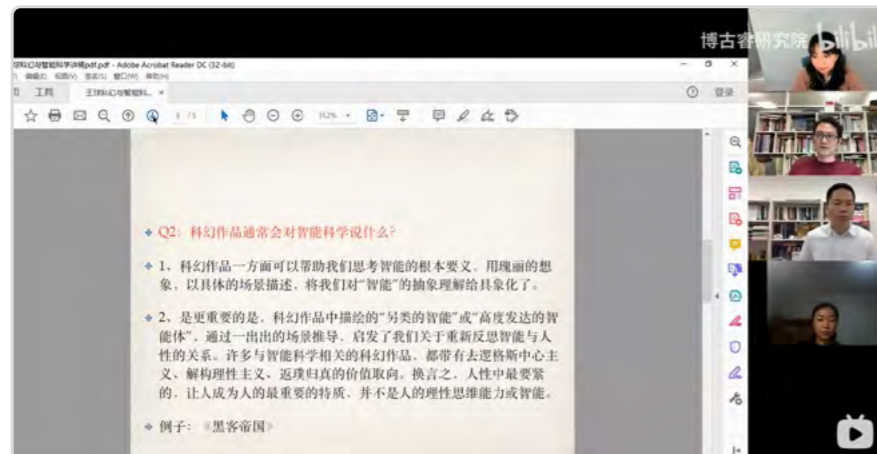
## PROJECT

### Science Fiction and Philosophy— An Encounter in the Future

Since its birth, science fiction has been imaginative and forward-looking, always hypothesizing about the changes and challenges that technological development may bring to human civilization and society. It is also a philosophical proposition of the times. What used to remain only at the philosophical level, such as the depth of life, the fate of human beings, the survival of civilization, and the nature of the universe, becomes realistic, palpable, and concrete under the pen.

This project taps into the philosophical thinking in science fiction narratives to help us better understand human beings in the midst of change.

We hosted the first workshop in April 2021, and plan to further discuss the topic in 2022.



Wang Qiu presents on "Science Fiction and Intelligent Science," April 18, online



Zhang Xianglong moderates the first workshop, April 18, online



Sci-fi writer Mu Ming discusses "Science Fiction and Intelligent Science," April 18, online

Rapid development and extensive applications of life technologies and digital technologies are profoundly changing how human society is organized, requiring us to assess and reflect on the interaction between frontier technologies and society.

We work across disciplines and cultures to deeply examine how human society has been changed by the development of frontier technologies, as well as to explore the opportunities and challenges we face in regard to ethics and governance.





PROJECT

### Imagining Futures

From breakthroughs in AI to the increasingly widespread use of gene editing, from the intrusion of technology into social forms to the technological contests between superpowers, frontier sciences and technologies shape each observable change and introduce complications in our visions of the world and the associated ethical norms.

The project invites scientists, philosophers, social science experts, writers, and artists to imagine futures and project scenarios of human society over the next thirty years. We hope to promote evidence-based and future-oriented philosophical and ethical thinking.

The first workshop was held on July 26, 2021 and focused on "AI, Robots, and Human Society in Thirty Years." More workshops are planned for 2022, and they will discuss how projected breakthroughs in biotechnology, together with climate change, will shape our world in 2050 and beyond, as well as what humans can do to achieve the best outcomes for all.



The first workshop "AI, Robots, and Human Society in Thirty Years," July 26–28, Beijing



Huang Tiejun speaks about "The Future of Artificial Intelligence" at the first workshop, July 26–28, Beijing



Artist Lu Yang presents "Uterus Man" at the first workshop, July 26–28, Beijing



Chen Xiaoping discusses "The Future of Technological Innovation and Gang Yi Innovation" at the first workshop, July 26–28, Beijing

PROJECT

### Forum on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence from a Global Perspective

The Center co-hosts the forum with the Chinese Association for Artificial Intelligence at the association's annual Global Artificial Intelligence Technology Conference.

The forum focuses on digital governance, AI ethics, and human society. It aims to stimulate in-depth discussions on ethical and philosophical issues brought by the development of AI technology among developers, industry leaders, policy researchers, and philosophers.



Forum on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence from a Global Perspective, "Ethics in Digital Governance," June 6, Hangzhou



Duan Weiwen discusses "Fear under Data Gaze: Socio-Technical Imagination and Ethical Strategies for Artificial Intelligence," June 6, Hangzhou



Tobias Rees presents "AI and The Human: On the Insufficiency of Ethics," June 6, online

# Transformation of Governance

We live in an era of great transformation. Frontier technologies are developing rapidly, geopolitical rivalries are intensifying, political polarization is occurring in many countries, social divisions are worsening, and the climate crisis continues unchecked. Amid all these threats, COVID-19 outbreaks are continuing around the world. Together, these global challenges have profoundly impacted human society.

We work on projects to discuss and explore future-oriented global governance concepts aligned with the overall interests of mankind and our living environment, so as to develop and shape new ideas, concepts, and practices that will have a positive influence on the world.

## PROJECT

### What is *Tianxia*?

*Tianxia* (All-under-Heaven) is a worldview with roots in Chinese philosophy and history that proposes inclusiveness, mutuality, interdependence, and relationality in global affairs. In this project, we explore whether the *Tianxia* system is a viable framework for thinking about a new and evolving world order and a new model of world governance.

The first international conference was held in 2018 focusing on "What is *Tianxia*: The East-Asia Context." The second conference was held in April 2021, and broadened the discussion to "[Tianxia in Comparative Perspective: Alternative Models of Geopolitical Order](#)." The third conference, titled "Formulating a Minimalist Morality for a Planetary World Order: Alternative Cultural Perspectives," will be held in August 2022.

*All under Heaven: The Tianxia System for a Possible World Order* by Zhao Tingyang was published by University of California Press in June 2021.

Project report "[Taking the World as the World: In Search of a Planetary World Order](#)" was published in October 2021.



Project Report "Taking the World as the World: In Search of a Planetary World Order," published in October



The Second Workshop "Tianxia in Comparative Perspective: Alternative Models of Geopolitical Order," April 18, online



The Second Workshop "Tianxia in Comparative Perspective: Alternative Models of Geopolitical Order," April 24, online

# Other Ongoing Activities

## Global Thinkers Series with Caixin Media

The **Global Thinkers Series** invites thinkers who have deep insights into the evolution of different civilizations and the grand narratives of world history to share their knowledge and wisdom. It is hoped that with strengthened understanding and trust between different cultures, we can help remove the intolerance, arrogance, and misunderstanding that has come to characterize contemporary geopolitics.

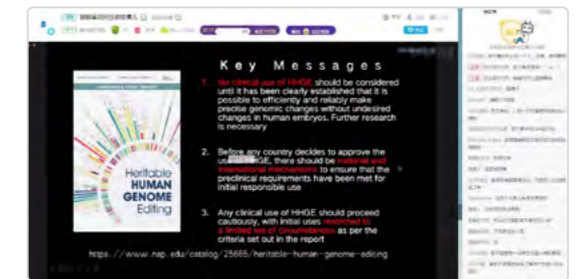
Held on August 19, the second event of the Series invited Professor Wang Gungwu, historian and sinologist, former Vice Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, for a conversation on "Understanding the Sinic Civilization in World History." The first event was held in July 2020, and it featured Professor Jared Diamond, author of popular book *Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*.



Dialogue with Wang Gungwu, "Understanding the Sinic Civilization in World History," August 19, online

## Berggruen Seminar 14: Heritable Human Genome Editing: The Consensus of the International Science Community

January 21, Bilibili



## Berggruen Seminar 15: Is Technology a "Smart" Drug?

September 4, Beijing & Bilibili



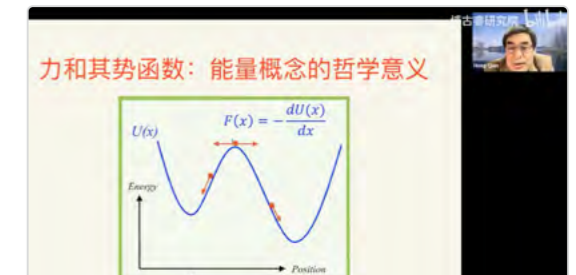
## Berggruen Seminar 16: Challenges Posed by Big Data on the Foundations of Scientific Thinking

September 28, Beijing & Bilibili



## Berggruen Seminar 17: A Probabilistic World View via Applied Mathematics

December 4, Bilibili



# Impact

Berggruen selects topics based on the importance of the issue, not its popularity or prominence in the media.

**CHEN Xiaoping**

Director, Robotics Laboratory, University of Science and Technology of China  
2021–2022 Berggruen Fellow

The Berggruen China Center is a place where communication is highly encouraged; it is a think reactor where different perspectives are exchanged to stimulate new ideas.

**BAI Shunong**

Professor of Plant Biology, School of Life Sciences, Peking University  
2020–2021 Berggruen Fellow

The Center is an intercultural and interdisciplinary hub; it facilitates exchanges not only between the humanities and social sciences, but also between the arts and sciences.

**ZHAO Tingyang**

Member, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences  
Senior Berggruen Fellow

Berggruen's work is about ideas, which is particularly important in the fields of science, industry, and interdisciplinary research. Berggruen's work is future-oriented. It requires both imagination and a solid understanding of reality.

**GE Jianqiao**

Brain Scientist, Academy for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies, Peking University  
2021–2022 Berggruen Fellow

Cambridge University's Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence has been delighted to find a like-minded partner such as the Berggruen Institute China Center and have worked on many projects together in China and the U.K.

**Huw Price**

Founding Academic Director, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, former Bertrand Russell Professor of Philosophy, University of Cambridge

Berggruen's topics concern the future of humanity. They have theoretical, ideological, and practical implications.

**ZHANG Xianglong**

Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Peking University  
2021–2022 Berggruen Fellow

The revival and reinvention of ideas comes unexpectedly — almost by chance. Thinkers are discovered, not shaped. Only fertile soil gives ideas that are initially seen as unconventional the space they need to germinate. The Berggruen Center provides this valuable space.

**LIU Xiaoli**

Professor, School of Philosophy, Renmin University of China  
2021–2022 Berggruen Fellow

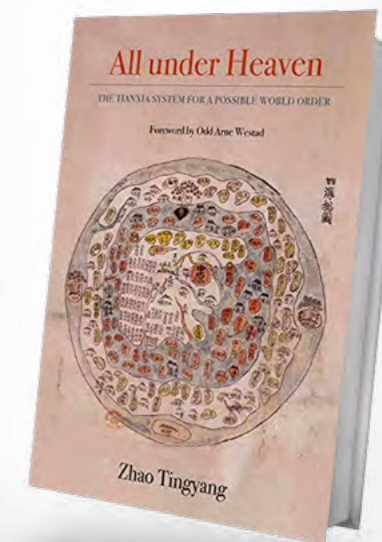
# Books



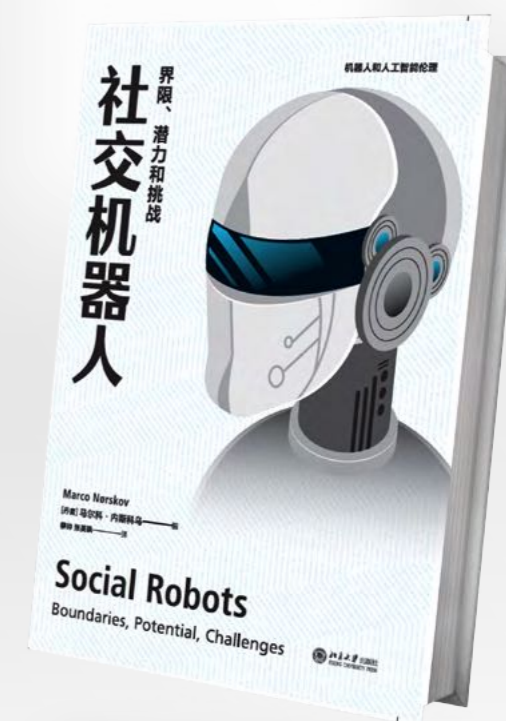
*Intelligence and Wisdom: AI Meets Chinese Philosophers* (abridged English version) was published in September 2021 by Springer. The book's Chinese version was published in February 2020 by CITIC Press, and more than 8000 copies have been sold. The book's release was widely discussed in China, and the editor and authors were interviewed by key Chinese media outlets including *Jiefang Daily*, *The Beijing News*, and *The Paper*, among others



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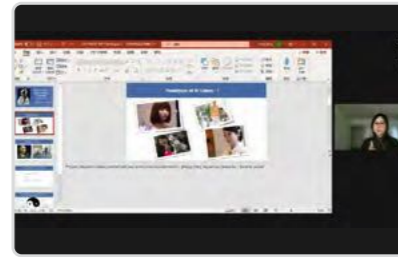
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## Director and Fellow Engagement



July 16–17 Beijing

Center co-director Liu Zhe discusses “Philosophical Vectors of Health Care Data Privacy” at the Beijing Health Data Science Summit.



August 26 online

Center co-director Song Bing speaks at the “SNF Nostos Conference on Humanity and AI” on “AI Narratives and Visions.”



October 13–14 online

Center co-director Song Bing presents on “Does AI in a Crisis Need Ethics with Urgency?” at the “World Summit AI.”



October 31 online

Berggruen Fellow Chen Haidan presents on “Privacy in Breast Cancer Biobank: Chinese Patients’ Perceptions” at the annual conference of the Scientific Ethics and Ethics Committee of Genetics Society of China.



November 10 online

Center co-director Song Bing joins conversation with Andrew Sheng on “Fireside Chat: Mapping Global Imbalances: A One-Earth Balance Sheet” at the Asia Global Dialogue.

## Rui<sup>n</sup>

Since its launch in 2020, *Rui<sup>n</sup>* has published 93 articles covering reviews of ideas, academic observations, and commentaries, focusing on six themes: Philosophy and Ideas, Art and Technology, Digital Society, Ecological Crisis, Geopolitics, and Science and Humanity.

Contributors include Berggruen fellows, academics, media professionals, science fiction authors, artists and curators. *Rui<sup>n</sup>* also publishes translated articles from *NOEMA* Magazine. We aim to create a public square for creative thinkers where innovative ideas are recognized, debated, enriched, and propagated.



Translated from *NOEMA* Magazine, Francis Fukuyama addresses the question: “Will We Ever Get Beyond the Nation-State?”



Andrew Sheng, distinguished fellow at Asia Global Institute at the University of Hong Kong and former chairman of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission, publishes the Chinese version of “The One-Earth Balance Sheet”



Article by 2020–2021 Berggruen Fellow Bai Shunong on “How Eukaryotic Cells Help Us to Understand the ‘Root’ of Life”



IMPACT

# Strong Growth of Online Platforms



WeChat serves as our primary platform for sharing information, with a loyal group of 7,000 subscribers; the number of subscribers doubled since 2020.

WeChat: Berggrueninstitute



Our Weibo account has been very active, and it sends out one post per day on average. Content includes event invitations, discussion video replays, updates on the fellowship program, and the Institute's news. The post of 2021 Global Thinkers Series event attracted over 344,000 views.

Weibo: @ 博古睿研究院 BI



Since launched in 2020, Berggruen Institute's Bilibili account has become a platform for all public events, attracting about 15,000 viewers for each event. 131 short and long videos have been posted, including event replays, the Institute's fellowship program, newsletters, and news.

Bilibili: @ 博古睿研究院

# Fellows

## Current Fellows (in alphabetical order)

### **CHEN HAIDAN**

Bioethicist, 2021–2022 Berggruen China Center Fellow

Chen Haidan is an Associate Professor with tenure at the School of Health Humanities, Peking University. Her research interests embrace the ethical, legal, and social implications of genetics and genomics, and the governance of emerging technologies including stem cells, biobanks, precision medicine, and brain science. At Berggruen, she will be working on the social impact of the brain-computer interface.



### **CHEN XIAOPING**

AI Engineer, 2021–2022 Berggruen China Center Fellow

Chen Xiaoping is the Director of the Robotics Laboratory at the University of Science and Technology of China. He proposed an intelligent technology pathway for robots based on Open Knowledge and the Rong-Cha principle, which have been implemented and tested in the long-term research on KeJia and JiaJia intelligent robot systems. At Berggruen, Chen plans to lead a project on the synergized leap of technological development and *Gong Yi* innovation (a concept drawn from "Dao" in Daoism, "Ren" in Confucianism, and "Justice" in Greek philosophy) in the era of artificial intelligence.



### **GE JIANQIAO**

Brain Scientist, 2021–2022 Berggruen China Center Fellow

Ge Jianqiao is a Lecturer at the Academy for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies, Peking University. Her research interests focus on scientific studies of brain intelligence and social cognition. At Berggruen, Ge will explore how the brain and cognition are influenced by frontier technologies and new forms of intelligence, as well as how it might adaptively evolve to cope with a "hybrid" society in the future.



### **LI CHENJIAN**

Physician Scientist, 2021–2022 Berggruen China Center Fellow

Li Chenjian is a University Chair Professor of Peking University. He serves on the China Advisory Board of Cornell University and the Rhodes Scholar Selection Committee. Li's academic research focuses on the molecular and cellular mechanisms of neurological diseases, cancer drug development, and gene editing and its philosophical and ethical considerations. At Berggruen, he will be working on the philosophy and ethics of gene editing.



### **LIU XIAOLI**

Philosopher, 2021–2022 Berggruen China Center Fellow

Liu Xiaoli is a Professor of Philosophy at Renmin University of China. She is Director of the Chinese Society of Philosophy of Science Leader. She is mainly engaged in research on philosophy of mathematics, philosophy of science and philosophy of cognitive science. At Berggruen, Liu will communicate and cooperate with scholars in the fields of psychology, neuroscience, artificial intelligence and art to study the philosophical issues of embodied cognition: emotions and feelings, self and subjectivity, perception and action.



### **ZHANG XIANGLONG**

Philosopher, 2021–2022 Berggruen China Center Fellow

Zhang Xianglong is a Professor of Philosophy at Peking University. He holds a Ph.D. from SUNY Buffalo, an M.A. from Toledo University, and a B.A. from Peking University. His research areas include Confucian philosophy, phenomenology, and Western and Eastern comparative philosophy. At Berggruen, Zhang will lead a project on "Alternative Science Fiction / Fantasy and the Philosophy of Family."



## Fellow Alumni (in alphabetical order)

### **2020–2021 Bai Shunong**

Professor of Plant Biology, School of Life Sciences, Peking University

### **2020–2021 Hao Jingfang**

Science fiction writer, Hugo Prize winner

### **2020–2021 Sebastian Sunday Grève**

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Peking University

### **2019–2020 Wang Yangming**

Principal Investigator, Laboratory of Stem Cells and Noncoding RNAs, Peking University

### **2018–2020 Zeng Yi**

Professor and Deputy Director, Research Center for Brain-inspired Intelligence, Chinese Academy of Sciences

### **2018–2019 Gan Chunsong**

Professor and Deputy director, Confucianism Research Center, Peking University

### **2016–2018 Viren Murthy**

Associate Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison

### **2016–2018 Bai Tongdong**

Dongfang Chair Professor of Philosophy, Fudan University

### **2016–2017 Rajeev Bhargava**

Director, Institute of Indian Thought at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies

### **2015–2017 Anna Sun**

Associate Professor of Sociology and Asian Studies, Kenyon College

### **2020–2021 Duan Weiwen**

Professor and Director, Department of Philosophy of Sciences and Technology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

### **2020–2021 Lu Qiaoying**

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Peking University

### **2019–2020 He Huaihong**

Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Peking University

### **2019–2020 Wu Tianyue**

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Peking University

### **2018–2019 Zhao Tingyang**

Professor and Member, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

### **2017–2018 Peter Herschok**

Director, Asian Studies Development Program, East-West Center, Hawaii

### **2016–2018 Roger Ames**

Humanities Chair Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Peking University

### **2016–2017 Stephen Angle**

Mansfield Freeman Professor, East Asian Studies, Wesleyan University

### **2015–2017 Li Jin**

Professor of Education and Human Development, Brown University



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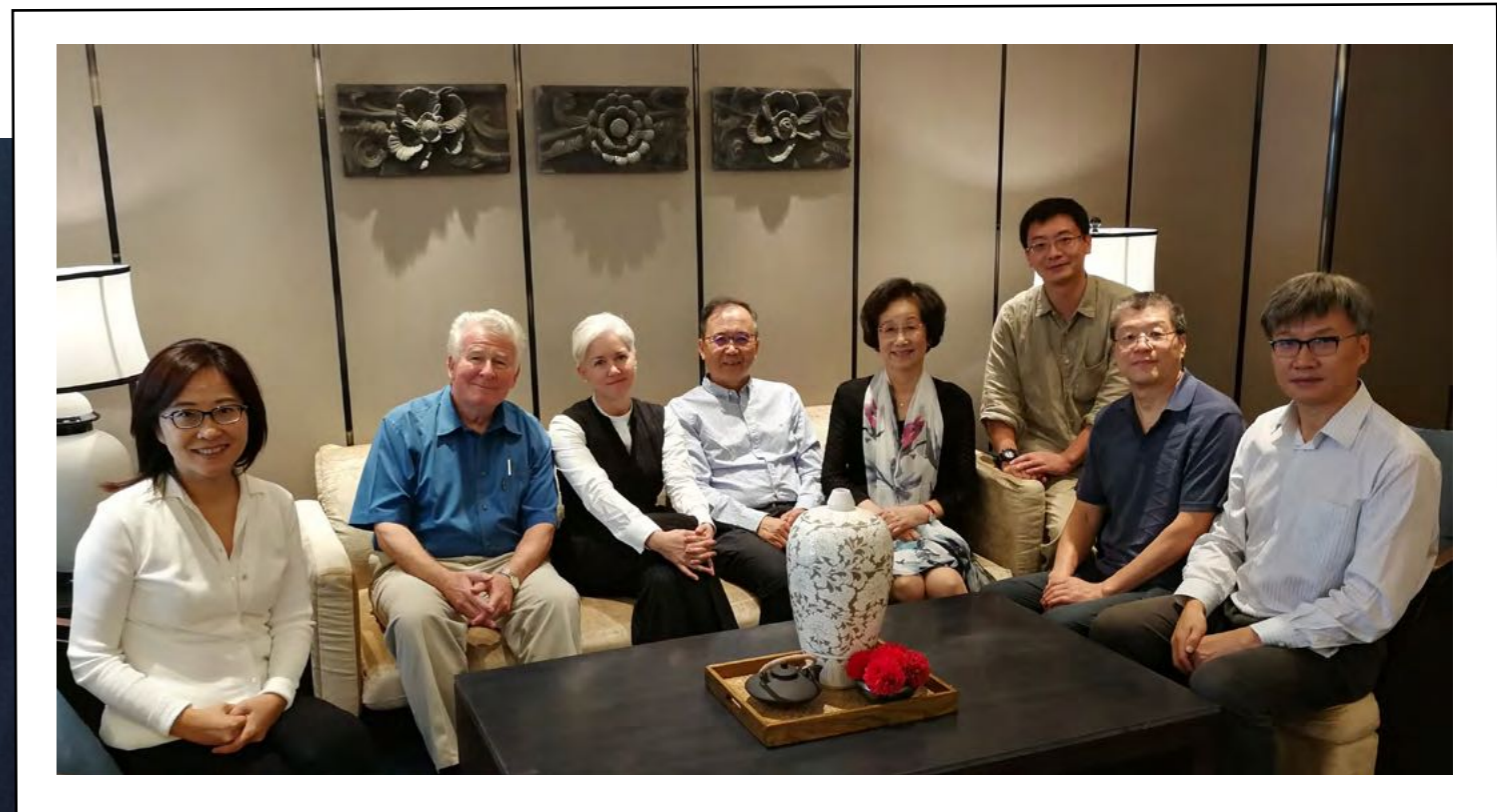
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