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MILESTONES

2018



June 16/Beijing

The *Tianxia* project is launched with its first conference, "What is *Tianxia*? The East Asian Context"



July 19/Beijing

The AI Meets Chinese Philosophers project kicks off at Peking University



December 19/Beijing

Berggruen Research Center at Peking University is officially launched by Peking University's President Hao Ping and Berggruen Institute's Chairman Nicolas Berggruen

2019



March 27/Beijing

Berggruen Seminar Series hosts first event on "Humans as Organisms"



May 26/Nanjing

Partnering with the Chinese Association for Artificial Intelligence, the Center hosts the inaugural International Forum on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence from a Global Perspective



September 17/Beijing

The Academic Advisory Council holds first meeting

2020



February 15/Beijing

Publishing of first book *Intelligence and Wisdom: Artificial Intelligence Meets Chinese Philosophers* with CITIC Press Group



July 02/Online

The Global Thinkers Series launches with a dialogue with Jared Diamond on "Global Pandemic and Crisis Management"



August 18/Online

The Center hosts workshop "Chinese Classics and Folk Stories and Their Impact on AI Narratives." The event begins a multi-year collaboration with the Leverhulme Center for the Future of Intelligence at the University of Cambridge, focusing on the projects of AI Narratives and Many Worlds of AI

2021



June/Los Angeles

An English translation of *All under Heaven: The Tianxia System for a Possible World Order* by the Center's senior fellow Zhao Tingyang is published by University of California Press



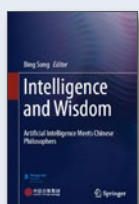
July 26/Beijing

The Imagining Futures project is launched with its first workshop "AI, Robots, and Human Society in Thirty Years"



August / Beijing

The Symbiosis in Life Sciences and *Gongsheng* in Eastern Philosophies project kicks off with workshop on “*Gongsheng*: Perspectives of Life Science and Philosophy”



September / Beijing

A shorter and English edition of *Intelligence and Wisdom: Artificial Intelligence Meets Chinese Philosophers* is published by Springer



November / Beijing

Out of the Anthropocene: Philosophical Reflections on the Relationship Between Humanity and Nature is published by CITIC Press Group



November / Beijing

The Chinese translation of *Social Robots: Boundaries, Potential, Challenges*, the first of the Berggruen translation series, is published by Peking University Press

2022



March 22 / Beijing

The project *When Science and Humanities Face Life Together* is launched with a dialogue on whether scientists and philosophers study life on the same spatio-temporal scale



June / Online

Launch of *Cuiling*, a Chinese language journal published by the Berggruen Institute and curated by the China Center



April 24-25 / Beijing

Antikythera: Hemispherical Stacks project hosts its first China workshop at Peking University, heralding long-term collaboration with the Institute's Los Angeles project teams



July / Hong Kong

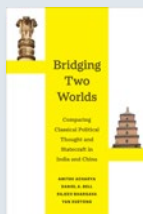
Rethink the Tianxia System is published by City University of Hong Kong Press



July 01 / Beijing

First event of the *Rupture and Reconstruction: Multiple Perspectives on Modernity* lecture series kicks off at the Ullens Center for Contemporary Art

2023



January / Los Angeles

Bridging Two Worlds: Comparing Classical Political Thought and Statecraft in India and China is published by University of California Press



MESSAGES FROM THE LEADERSHIP

The Berggruen Institute was established to think, address, and develop ideas around the key issues that affect us as humans. Any important question today has to be addressed not only from the Western perspective, but also from the perspective of China. That's why we have a center in America, a center in China, and a center in Europe.

Nicolas Berggruen

Chairman and Founder, Berggruen Institute

When the basic conditions for human survival face enormous challenges, we need scientists and humanities scholars from all countries to work together. The advantage of the Berggruen Research Center at Peking University is that it can bring together scholars from all over the world for creating new ideas.

Lin Jianhua

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

The first five years of the Center has witnessed an idea become an institution. In advancing the Berggruen Institute's mission to promote innovative ideas that can provide the social intelligence needed for a changing world order, it has with its fellows and programs come to complement the American and European centers with a perspective that is at once inclusive and yet distinctively Chinese.

Roger T. Ames

Co-Chair, Academic Advisory Council, Berggruen Research Center, Peking University
Senior Academic Advisor, Berggruen China Center

Our research themes address global concerns through a multidisciplinary lens. We have positioned our Center not as a traditional "think tank," but as a "think reactor," bringing together thinkers of diverse cultural and disciplinary backgrounds to generate and develop innovative ideas and fresh thinking that are increasingly necessary in an era of great transformations.

Song Bing

Co-Director, Berggruen Research Center, Peking University
Senior Vice President, Berggruen Institute

Over the past five years, the Center has taken on the responsibility of bridging cultural divides and bringing the traditional into conversation with the modern. Through the collision of diverse ideas, we have creatively explored new systems for making sense of the world and the human condition, and constructed new frameworks for contextualizing theory and thought.

Liu Zhe

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

PROGRAM THEMES

Frontier Science, Technology,
and Philosophy

Creative Futures

Ancient Wisdom and
Planetary Governance

Global Thinkers Series

Berggruen Seminar Series



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FRONTIER SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY



We live in an era of explosive knowledge growth. Advances in frontier science and technology allow humans to understand the world in unprecedented ways at speeds faster than have been possible at any other time in history. These advances have also created new ways for human beings to understand ourselves. We believe it is imperative to make full use of intellectual

resources from around the world, which will enable us to respond to the challenges brought about by these rapid changes, connect the past with the future, and provide an interdisciplinary road map for a way forward. In this way we can develop and shape impactful philosophical, scientific, and technological concepts that better serve humanity and the broader ecosystem.

AI Meets Chinese Philosophers

Since 2015, there have been close to 100 AI and robotics related ethical principles and value pronouncements issued globally. Many international and inter-governmental organizations have launched campaigns to ensure that their declared principles are adopted as the new norms by the global community.

Two questions arise: are the AI principles proposed thus far reflective of the transformative nature of frontier technologies? Core values of modernity may have served us well in the past, but are they the right set of foundational values for building an inclusive normative framework for AI, the future of humanity and other beings at a time when we are rethinking globalization and global values?

The disruptive nature of frontier technologies has created ruptures in our habitual thinking patterns and notions we have held as self-evident truths. They have also offered a golden opportunity for us to pause and rethink foundational values for the future and for greater planetary flourishing.

In light of these observations and provocations and with the aim of fostering innovative foundational thinking befitting our era, the Center has brought together AI scientists and Chinese philosophers for a series of dialogues and workshops over an 18-month period beginning in 2018. The participants were asked to respond to a series of questions:

How is the essence underpinning humans, nature, and machines changing in an age of frontier technologies?

Could an appropriate ethical framework be formed for regulating human-machine relationships?

What human values, if any, could be embedded in AI?

How might frontier technologies affect future research in East Asian philosophies?

These discussions resulted in the publishing of *Intelligence and Wisdom: AI Meets Chinese Philosophers* (《智能与智慧：人工智能遇见中国哲学家》) in Chinese by CITIC Press in February 2020. A shorter and English edition of the book was published by Springer in September 2021. They are preliminary reflections on AI's impact on human beings and the human society by philosophers well-versed in Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism.

Since 2020, the Center has been collaborating with the Leverhulme Center for the Future of Intelligence (LCFI) at the University of Cambridge on the projects of Global AI Narratives and Many Worlds of AI.



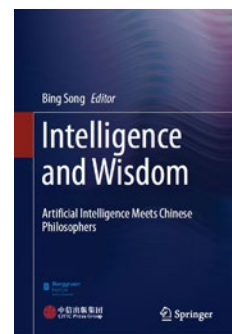
Former Berggruen fellows Peter Hershock, Robin Wang, and the Center's co-director Song Bing at LCFI's conference of "Many Worlds of AI," April 26, 2023, Cambridge, UK



"AI Meets Chinese Philosophers" 2nd workshop, March 22, 2019, Beijing



Intelligence and Wisdom was published in Chinese in February 2020 by CITIC Press



Intelligence and Wisdom was published in English in September 2021 by Springer

Symbiosis in Life Sciences and *Gongsheng* in Eastern Philosophies

Symbiosis and symbiogenesis have become topics of much research and debate in the fields of biology and evolutionary theory in recent decades. *Gongsheng* or *Kyōsei* (共生 in both written Chinese and Japanese *kanji*) has been used in China and Japan to translate the ubiquitous biological phenomenon of “symbiosis” discussed in life sciences. The two-character term *gongsheng* is rarely referenced in ancient classics and it is unclear when it entered into common parlance in modern China and Japan. In modern context, the notion of *gongsheng* speaks to the primordial connectivity of all beings, and the state of co-creation, interpenetrating, and co-generative processes. This kind of thinking has cemented into the deep cultural and psychological construct of these East Asian societies, so much so that people rarely pause and reflect on the origins and philosophical foundation of this notion.

Intrigued by this situation and aware of the potentially global significance of this notion, the Center launched the project Symbiosis in Life Sciences and *Gongsheng* in Eastern Philosophies in August 2021, drawing on the expertise of life scientists, philosophers, international relations theorists as well as environmental and social scientists.

A series of workshops were held in Beijing in 2021 and 2022 that explored the concept of *gongsheng* from various interdisciplinary perspectives, including the latest developments in human symbiotic microorganisms, the biological and evolutionary basis of symbiosis, and the concept of *gongsheng* in East Asian philosophies. The workshops also explored the meaning of the word *gongsheng* in different languages and delved into the planetary order of coexistence across ethnic, species, and cultural boundaries.

The first project report “A Future of Symbiosis and Coexistence: What Is Symbiosis, and Why Should We Want It?” was published in December 2021.

The book *Gongsheng Across Contexts: A Philosophy of Co-Becoming* is scheduled to be published by Palgrave Macmillan in late 2023.



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The first project report was published in December 2021.

When Science and Humanities Face Life Together

Do biologists and humanists agree that human beings are biological organisms? Is there a boundary between human beings and non-human biological life? If so, where is this boundary drawn? If not, what does it mean to be a “human being”? Is this boundary meaningful for understanding human beings and life? By inviting life scientists, humanities and social science scholars, artists, and cross-disciplinary thinkers to share their reflections on these questions, we aim to promote in-depth exchanges between philosophy and science, and to provide a more thorough and essential understanding of human transformation.

Held on March 22, 2022, the first conversation in this series, titled “Do Scientists and Philosophers Face Life on the Same Spatio-Temporal Scale?” featured Zhao Tingyang, academician of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), and biology professor Bai Shunong from

Peking University. The event was hosted by philosophy of science scholar Professor Liu Xiaoli from Renmin University of China.

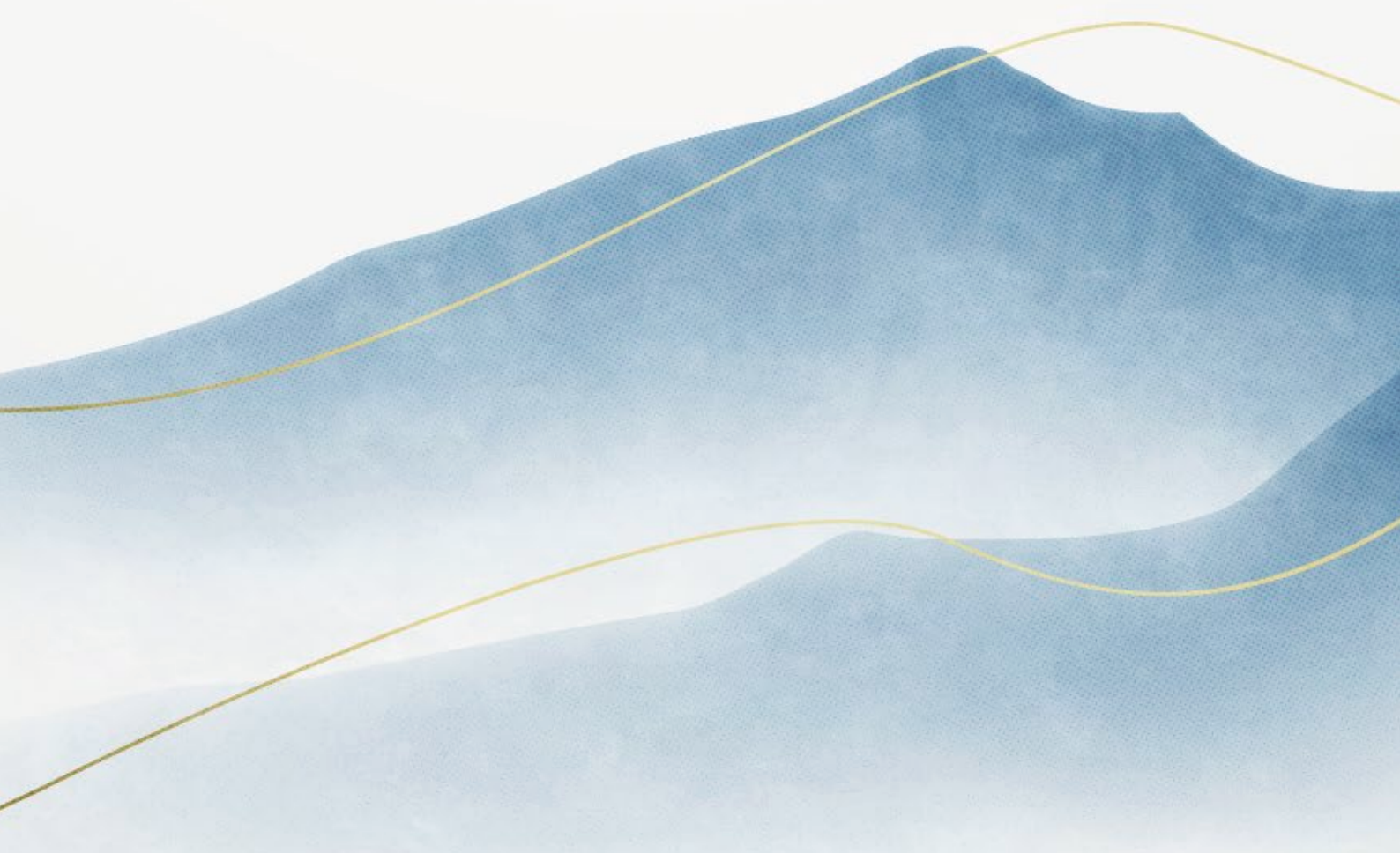
The second dialogue was held on August 8, 2022. Focused on “Live, Life and Humanity From Different Perspectives,” the conversation included Chen Xia, research fellow at CASS, and Buddhism philosopher, Peking University’s Wang Song, with Bai Shunong serving as a moderator.



Zhao Tingyang and Bai Shunong address one another's questions at the first event, “Do Scientists and Philosophers Face Life on the Same Spatio-Temporal Scale?” March 22, 2022, Beijing



CREATIVE FUTURES



The rapid development and extensive application of digital, gene-editing, and other life-altering technologies are profoundly changing how we envision possible futures. Technology, together with the associated multiplying impact it exerts on humanity and the broader environment, introduces opportunities and complications to our vision of the world and our ability to imagine and shape the future.

We invite scientists specializing in AI, robotics, gene-editing, climate change, as well as technologists working

in virtual reality and gaming, to map out their research visions and extrapolate future scenarios of human society and the planetary system. We then produce project reports to capture these evidence based ideas. Science fiction writers, artists and curators are also part of the program and they take the lead in creating images of the multitude futures, narratives, and stories which transport us to the realms of imagination.



Imagining Futures

In July 2021 and April 2022, we held two workshops with experts from the fields of AI, robotics, gene-editing, economy, governance, philosophy, and art to discuss and speculate about the human society in 30 years. The project report titled “Humanity in 30 Years” was published in December 2021.



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Project report Humanity in 30 Years was published in December 2021.

Science Fiction and Philosophy: An Encounter in the Future

With the widespread use of various technological developments such as AI, the metaverse, human-machine interfaces, gene editing, and nanotechnology, how will people's private lives and intimate relationships evolve?

Since 2021, we have been hosting a series of workshops inviting science fiction writers to introduce and interpret their works. Scientists and philosophers have also been

invited to elaborate on possible futures and to generate new ideas for more creative writings.



Photo by Nathan Watson on Unsplash

Expanded Curation - Plural Temporalities

Many kinds of time exist, and they are technological, geological, biological, entangled and embedded. The project invites artists Guo Cheng and Zhang Wenxin and biologists Bai Shunong and Zhang Wei to observe and discuss what leaves “traces of time” in their daily lab or studio life, whether materials, objects, microbes or particles.

This project envisions that artists and scientists as equal co-creators. Participants are invited to collaboratively map the “traces of time” from their daily practices. A series of scenario-building activities weaves those traces

into a dynamic online storyboard consisting of video footages, images, interactive elements and a navigational tool for visitors to experience in the “many kinds” of time in the mode of a virtual flaneur. The project then intends to construct a site that resembles a detective’s evidence board, using different methods of “tracing time” to interweave the artists’ and scientists’ understanding of the state of our planet. What traces have we left/are we leaving/are we about to leave and will these traces resurface and be re-known in the future?

An exhibition of this project is planned for 2024.



Notes of the Hollow, Zhang Wenxin, 2022

ANCIENT WISDOM AND PLANETARY GOVERNANCE



We live in an era of great transformation and crisis.

Borrowing from ancient wisdom on governance, we embark on projects to discuss and explore future-oriented global governance concepts aligned with the overall interests of mankind and our living environment.

Based on the study of how value systems originating from the world's philosophical, cultural, and historical traditions both shape and limit concepts and practices in contemporary global governance, we encourage reflections on the relational nature of human rationality at the levels of the individual, societal, political, and cultural ecosystems, and we explore paths towards a truly open and pluralistic value system.

What is *Tianxia*?

The zero-sum game of winners and losers at an international level has proven to be woefully inadequate for addressing the pressing issues of our times, where we face many compounding crises such as the pandemic, global warming, environmental degradation, income inequities, food and water shortages, massive species extinction, proxy wars, global hunger, and so on. Traversing any and all national, ethnic, and religious boundaries, this perfect storm can only be engaged and weathered effectively by a global village working collaboratively for the well-being of the international community as a whole.

Chinese philosopher Zhao Tingyang argues that a starting point for thinking about the world in classical Chinese texts and in their historical commentaries is *tianxia*, a term he sees as signifying the entire world and thus allowing for a vantage point for “viewing the world as a world.” Zhao believes that by conceptualizing international relations from a planetary perspective, instead of “internationality,” we can develop a sense of “worldness” that might lead to a less divisive world order. However, the two most important lines of critique to the *tianxia* theory are 1) *tianxia* system is self-consciously a purely rational endeavor—a complete and perfect theory—that lacks a vision for its practical implementation in the real world, and 2) as a political economy, *tianxia* conspicuously and self-consciously avoids any engagement with non-utilitarian ethics.

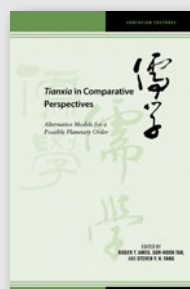
The Center’s *Tianxia* project sets as its primary objective the search for possible practical strategies and ethical insights that can build upon Zhao’s theoretical work on *tianxia* as a planetary sense of “worldness.” The fundamental premise is that in order for the *tianxia* system to remain relevant and significant in our vision for a global future, it must at once acknowledge the plurality of moral ideals defining the world’s cultures while seeking for practical ways to formulate a shared morality that can provide the solidarity needed to bring the world’s people together.

Since 2018, the Center has held three workshops titled “What is *Tianxia*? The East Asian Context,” “*Tianxia* in Comparative Perspective: Alternative Models of Geopolitical Order,” and “Formulating a Minimalist Morality for a Planetary Order: Alternative Cultural Perspectives” respectively.

The fourth and the final workshop will be held in Singapore in November 2023. With the theme “A Civilizational Dialogue as a Framework for Engagement on a Possible Planetary Order,” the workshop poses the question: can a civilizational dialogue at the highest level of cultural identity change the framework of engagement and move us closer to a shared planetary order?

In 2023, we published the traditional Chinese edition of *Rethinking Tianxia System* with the City University of

Hong Kong Press and the English edition of *Tianxia in Comparative Perspectives* with the University of Hawai’i Press. The simplified Chinese edition of *Rethinking Tianxia System* is under review with Peking University Press, and *Formulating a Minimalist Morality for a Planetary Geopolitical Order* is also under review by publisher.



The English edition of *Tianxia in Comparative Perspectives* was published in October 2023 by University of Hawai'i Press.



The traditional Chinese edition of *Rethinking the Tianxia System* was published in July 2023 by City University of Hong Kong Press.



The second project report was published in December 2022



The first project report was published in October 2021

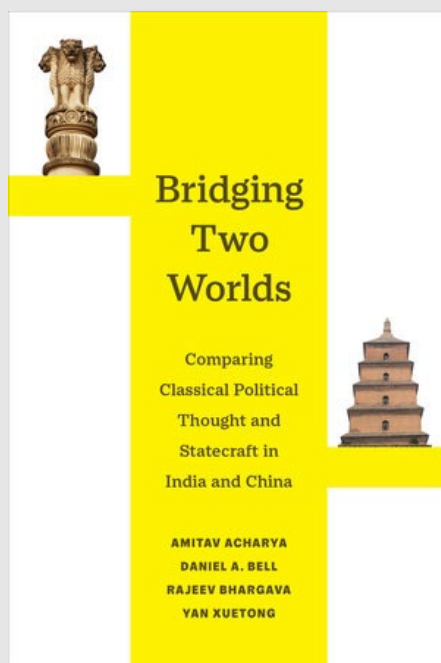
China-India: Bridging the Two Worlds

No matter how much interaction has happened between China and India for two or more millennia in other domains, politics emerged and developed in what appears to be relative isolation from each other, with the possible exception of Buddhism. The rich and diverse Confucian tradition(s) had almost zero impact in India, and the rich and diverse Hindu tradition(s) had almost zero impact in China until the twentieth century. But it's not too late for mutual learning. Ancient Chinese and Indian ideas continue to be influential in contemporary political debates, diplomatic thinking, and policy-making in China and India. Cooperation and competition between these two great Asian powers will inevitably impact international relations and political futures in Asia and the rest of the world.

From 2017 to 2019, the Center brought together leading political theorists of international thought for workshops held in China, India, and Thailand. In these

workshops, which were led by Daniel A. Bell, Amitav Acharya, Yan Xuetong and Rajeev Bhargava, we asked the invited experts to write about the contributions of ancient Chinese and Indian theorists that are relevant to the world today. We also invited our contributors to engage with insights from the “other” philosophical tradition and to draw implications for political thinking and international relations theory, as well as policy implications for the modern world.

These three workshops resulted in the book *Bridging Two Worlds: Comparing Classical Political Thought and Statecraft in India and China*, which was published in 2023 by the University of California Press.





GLOBAL THINKERS SERIES

The Global Thinkers Series invites thinkers who have deep insights into issues of great significance to share their knowledge and wisdom on topics including evolution of different civilizations, grand narratives of world history and their contemporary implications, as well as philosophical and social theories which have profoundly reshaped societies and human minds.



On July 2, 2020, Professor Jared Diamond, author of the popular books *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies* and *Upheaval: Turning Points for Nations in Crisis*, opened the Global Thinkers Series as its first speaker. Diamond offered suggestions on the COVID-19 crisis, and the event attracted widespread attention both inside and outside China.

The event was co-sponsored by Caixin Global.

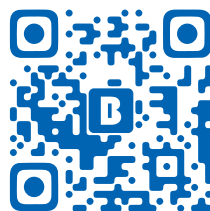


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On August 19, 2021, the second event of the Series invited Professor Wang Gungwu, the world's leading historian and former Vice Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, for a conversation on "Understanding the Sinic Civilization in World History," in which Wang addressed how civilizations could be distinguished from cultures, how the Chinese "empires" differed from the Roman and British Empires, and how the Eurasian Core shaped the geopolitical postures today.

The event was co-sponsored by Caixin Global.

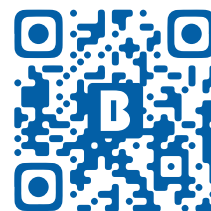


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The 2021 Berggruen Prize laureate Peter Singer was featured at the third event on July 3, 2022, for a conversation on "Ethics and Animals." Professor Guo Peng from the Center for Animal Protection Studies of Shandong University joined the event as a discussant, and Professor Wang Hui, Berggruen Prize jury member and Senior Professor of Literature and History of Tsinghua University served as the moderator. Singer elaborated on the implications of his argument and explained why it was important for us to change the way we treated animals, especially in light of the current dominance of intensive industrialized methods for raising animals for food.

The event was co-sponsored by Tsinghua Institute for Advanced Study in Humanities and Social Sciences.



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BERGGRUEN SEMINAR SERIES



The Berggruen Seminar Series provides a platform for Berggruen fellows and friends to share their latest research with the public. Started in March 2019, the series has hosted more than 20 events. Aiming to provide opportunities for speakers and audiences to have in-depth discussions, the events are held in person (when possible) and live-streamed. Topics of the seminars included “Heritable Genome Editing,”

“Challenges Posed by Big Data on the Foundations of Scientific Thinking,” “Care Robots and Ethics,” “Confucian Commonsense Meets the AI Revolution,” “AI Ethics: Designing for Responsibility,” and “Imperfect Genes: Human Evolution in New Gene Origination.”

2019

March 27



Humans as Organisms

Bai Shunong
Peking University

May 23



Robots, *Ukiyo-e* and Apes

Osamu Sakura
University of Tokyo

June 22



The Importance and Difficulties of Transcultural Initiatives

Zhao Tingyang
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Alain Le Pichon
Transcultura

September 19



Emerging Technologies, Disruptive Sciences, and the Future of Humanity

Dominique Lestel
École Normale Supérieure of Paris

November 01



AI Ethics: Designing for Responsibility

Jeroen van den Hoven
Delft University of Technology

November 04



Ethical Challenges in Precision Medicine

David Magnus
Stanford University

November 19



What is Artificial "Intelligence"?

Su Yanjie
Peking University

December 09



Using AI to Save Lives

Huang Zhisheng
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

December 10



Imperfect Genes, Human Evolution in New Gene Origination

Long Manyuan
University of Chicago

2020

July 12



Confucian Commonsense Meets the AI Revolution

Roger T. Ames
Peking University

December 10



Is AI Mindless? AI, Emotion, and Ethics

Liu Xiaoli & Zhu Rui
Renmin University of China

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What Should Care Robots Care About?

Wu Tianyue
Peking University

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Heritable Human Genome Editing: Concepts and Scientific Issues

Wang Haoyi
Chinese Academy of Sciences

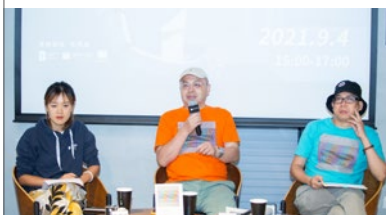
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Digital Personality: Angel or Demon Between Humanity and AI?

Hao Jingfang
Science Fiction Writer

September 04



Is Technology a "Smart" Drug?

Duan Weiwen
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Liu Yongmou
Renmin University of China

September 28



Challenges Posed by Big Data on the Foundations of Scientific Thinking

Wu Jiarui
Chinese Academy of Sciences

December 04



A Probabilistic World View via Applied Mathematics

Qian Hong
University of Washington, Seattle

2022

December 02



The Ethics of "Symbiosis": Seeking a Trans-Boundary Entry Through Comics, Literature, and Art

Huang Tsung-chieh
National Dong Hwa University
Shi Danqing
Tsinghua University

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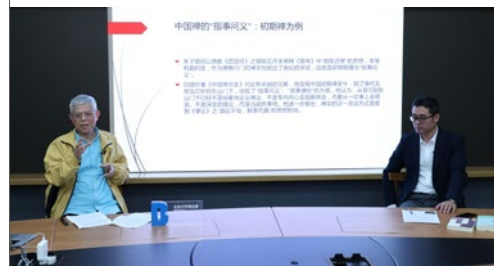
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Parent-Child Relationships and the Future of Humanity from the Perspective of Science Fiction

Baoshu
Science Fiction Writer

April 04



From "Drawing Analogies" to "Meaning Pointing": A Method of Argument in Chinese Philosophy

Gong Jun
Sun Yat-sen University

April 27



Hemispherical Stacks: on Multipolar Geopolitics and Planetary-Scale Computation

Benjamin Bratton
Berggruen Institute



BERGGRUEN FELLOWSHIP

The Berggruen Fellowship Program is a cornerstone of the Institute's mission to generate ideas that shape the future. It was established in 2015 with the goal of bringing together the best possible minds from across cultural and political boundaries to explore the urgent questions of our times, and to develop innovative responses through collaborative interdisciplinary work.

Since its official launch, the China Center has been running its own Berggruen Fellowship program which brings top Chinese and international scholars to work on the Center's core research themes. The four current fellows and 32 alumni members have made strong contributions to the Center's research programs.

The Center organizes a monthly brown-bag lunch series when fellows meet to discuss their research topics and seek collaborative opportunities. Topics covered in the series have included "Virtual Reality and Realism," "When Scientists and Philosophers Face Life Together," "Gods in Science Fiction," "AI in Science Practice and the Future Society," "Ethics and Governance in Brain-Computer Interfaces," and "The Social Brain: Evolution Development and the Future."

Berggruen Fellows in alphabetical order of family name

2023-2024

Asher JIANG

Analytic Philosophy and Metaphysics

Associate Professor, Tsinghua University

LAI Lili

Anthropology and Medicine

Associate Professor, Peking University

WANG Jing

Art and Aesthetics Research

Associate Professor, Zhejiang University

WU Jiarui

Bioscience

Professor, Chinese Academy of Sciences

2022-2023

Baoshu

Science Fiction Writer

CHEN Xia

Daoism

Research Fellow, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

GONG Jun

Buddhism

Professor, Sun Yat-sen University

LIU Chao

Psychology and Brain Science

Professor, Beijing Normal University

LONG Xingru

Writer and Curator

LU Xiaoyu

International Relations

Assistant Professor, Peking University

MEI Jianhua

Philosophy of Mind

Professor, Shanxi University

2021-2022

CHEN Haidan

Bioethics

Associate Professor, Peking University

CHEN Xiaoping

Artificial Intelligence and Robotics

Professor, University of Science and Technology of China

GE Jianqiao

Brain Science

Lecturer, Peking University

LI Chenjian

Bioscience

University Chair Professor, Peking University

LIU Xiaoli

Philosophy of Science

Professor, Renmin University of China

ZHANG Xianglong*

Comparative Chinese and Western Philosophy

Professor, Peking University

2020-2021

BAI Shunong

Bioscience

Professor, Peking University

DUAN Weiwen

Philosophy of Science

Research Fellow, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

HAO Jingfang

Science Fiction Writer

LU Qiaoying

Philosophy of Science

Assistant Professor, Peking University

Sebastian SUNDAY GRÈVE

Philosophy of Mind

Assistant Professor, Peking University

* Professor Zhang passed away in June 2022 in Beijing.

2019-2020

HE Huaihong

Ethics

Professor, Peking University

WANG Yangming

Bioscience

Professor, Peking University

WU Tianyue

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

Associate Professor, Peking University

2018-2019

GAN Chunsong

Confucianism

Professor, Peking University

ZENG Yi

Artificial Intelligence

Professor, Chinese Academy of Sciences

ZHAO Tingyang

Metaphilosophy, Ethics and Political Philosophy

Academician, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

2017-2018

Peter D. HERSHOCK

Buddhism

Manager, Asian Studies Development Program, East-West Center

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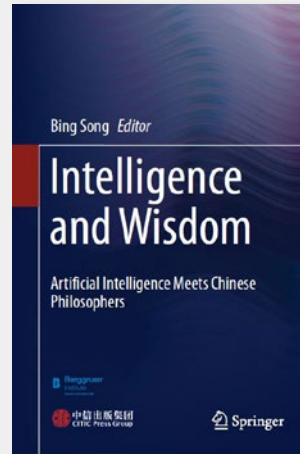
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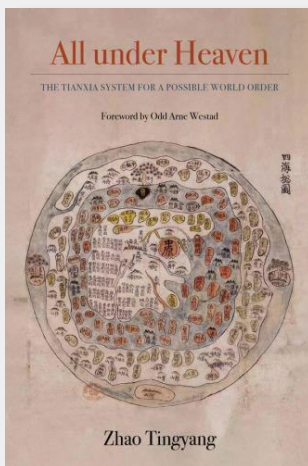
PUBLICATIONS



Intelligence and Wisdom

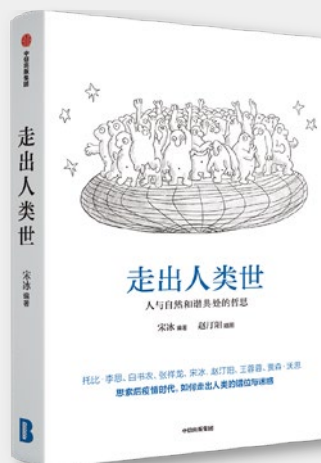
The Chinese edition of *Intelligence and Wisdom: AI Meets Chinese Philosophers* was published in February 2020 by CITIC Press.

A shorter and English edition of the book was published in September 2021 by Springer.



All under Heaven

All under Heaven: The Tianxia System for a Possible World Order (English edition) by the Center's Senior Fellow Zhao Tingyang was published in June 2021 by the University of California Press.



Out of the Anthropocene

Out of the Anthropocene: Philosophical Reflections on the Relationship Between Humanity and Nature was published in November 2021 by CITIC Press.



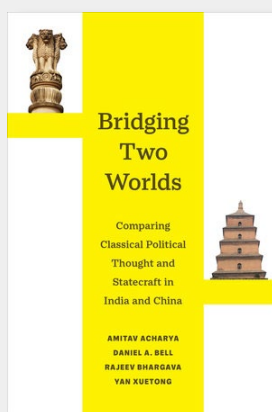
Social Robots

Social Robots: Boundaries, Potential, Challenges (Chinese edition) was published in November 2021 by Peking University Press as the first book of the Berggruen translation series.



Roboethics

Roboethics: A Navigating Overview (Chinese edition) was published in August 2022 by Peking University Press as part of the Berggruen translation series.



Bridging Two Worlds

Bridging Two Worlds: Comparing Classical Political Thought and Statecraft in India and China was published in January 2023 by the University of California Press.



The Ego Tunnel

The Ego Tunnel: The Science of the Mind and the Myth of the Self (Chinese edition) was published in June 2023 by Peking University Press as part of the Berggruen translation series.



Tianxia

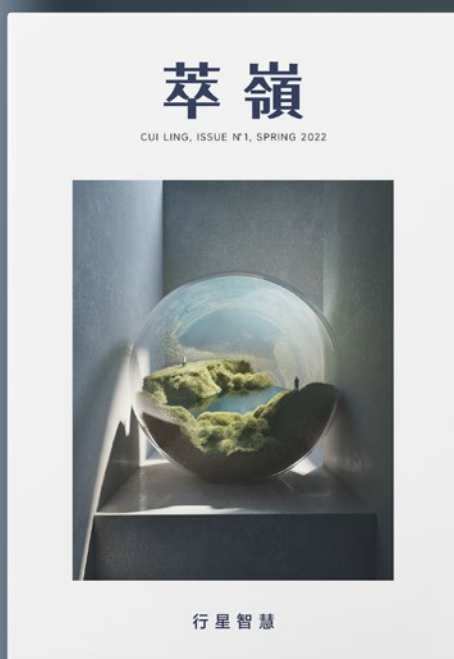
The traditional Chinese edition of *Rethink the Tianxia System* was published in July 2023 by City University of Hong Kong Press.



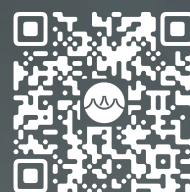
Tianxia

The English edition of *Tianxia in Comparative Perspectives* was published in October 2023 by University of Hawai'i Press.

Cuiling



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Launched in June 2022, *Cuiling* magazine is a Chinese language publication by the Berggruen Institute. It is curated, edited, and presented by the Berggruen Institute China Center. In Chinese, *cuiling* means “green hill with lush grass and trees,” which complements the English translation of the German word “Berggruen.” The journal is based on the Institute’s extensive research work.

Cuiling publishes articles online throughout the year and also produces an annual print edition. “Planetary wisdom” is the theme of the inaugural print issue of *Cuiling*. The planetary thinking and philosophy have been a focus of the Institute’s work over the past couple of years.

With the theme of the “plural civilizations,” the second printed issue focuses on the pitfalls and challenges surrounding the narratives of the “civilizational state.”

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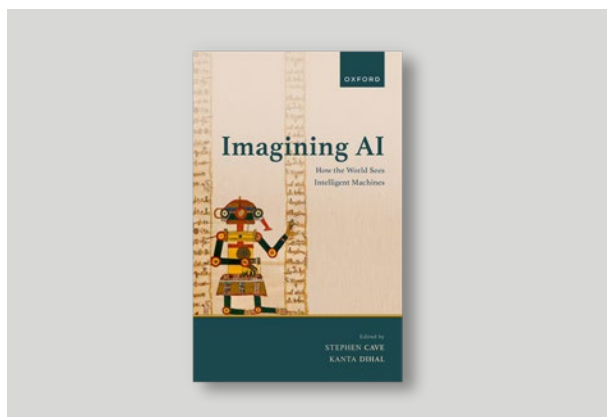


Since 2018, the Center has worked closely with the Chinese Association for Artificial Intelligence (CAAI) to organize the ethics forum on CAAI's "Global AI Technology Conference."

LEVERHULME CENTER FOR THE FUTURE OF INTELLIGENCE, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE



We co-hosted a conference on "Building Trust for Beneficial AI" with the Leverhulme Center for the Future of Intelligence (LCFI) on November 17, 2018, which brought experts from Peking University, the University of Cambridge, Australian National University, the National University of Singapore and others to share their perspectives on how to ensure AI safety.



As part of LCFI's AI Narratives project, we held three workshops in 2020 and 2021: "Chinese Classics and Folk Stories and Their Impact on AI Narratives," "AI Narratives in Contemporary Chinese Science Fiction," and "How the Chinese Public View AI." Findings of these workshops were incorporated into the book *Imagining AI: How the World Sees Intelligent Machines*, which was published in May 2023 by Oxford University Press.



In April 2023, the Center curated a panel on relational philosophies and AI ethics at the inaugural LCFI's conference of "Many Worlds of AI." The Center's co-director Song Bing delivered the conference keynote speech.

CAIXIN GLOBAL



In partnership with Caixin Global, we delivered the first two Global Thinkers Series events featuring Professor Jared Diamond, author of the popular books *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies* and *Upheaval: Turning Points for Nations in Crisis*, and Professor Wang Gungwu, a globally recognized historian and former Vice Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong.

ULLENS CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART



With the Museum Berggruen exhibition touring at the Ullens Center for Contemporary Art (UCCA), together with UCCA, we delivered a dialogue series titled "Rupture and Reconstruction: Multiple Perspectives on Modernity." The series invited thinkers from the fields of philosophy, history of ideas, history of science to engage in public discussions from July 2023 to early 2024.

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY



The Center established a partnership with the Institute for Advanced Study in Humanities and Social Sciences at Zhejiang University in 2023. We will work together to enhance our collaboration on fellowship and research programs.

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We live in a time of great transformations. From capitalism, to democracy, to the global order, our institutions are faltering. The very meaning of the human is fragmenting.

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ABOUT THE CENTER

The Berggruen Research Center at Peking University was established in December 2018. Located at the heart of Peking University, the Center engages with outstanding thinkers on its global platform to examine, share, and develop ideas to address planetary challenges in times of profound transformation.

Intellectual themes for research programs are focused on Frontier Science, Technology, and Philosophy; Creative Futures; and Ancient Wisdom and Planetary Governance. The Center funds a fellowship program, supports publications that feature its major research focuses, hosts activities such as lectures, workshops, and symposia and produces multi-media outreach programs.



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