



Actions of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki on ancient Greek and Chinese philosophy

International Scientific Conference

How Legitimate is the Philosophical Canon?

Concrete Applications from Greek and Chinese Philosophies

Like other philosophies of the world, Chinese philosophy is largely unknown to Greek academics and students, who have traditionally focused on the philosophical canon established through European historiography of philosophy and academic practice during the 19th and 20th centuries. The Thessaloniki conference aims not only at promoting knowledge about ancient Chinese philosophy but also at revealing neglected aspects of Greek philosophical thought and practice by looking at Chinese philosophy as a mirror.

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Program

Monday, 30 October

09:30-10:00

Opening, Greetings

A.U.Th. Representative

Stelios Virvidakis, President of the Centre of Ancient Greek and Chinese Civilisations

Pantelis Golitsis, Scientific coordinator of the project “AUTH actions for the promotion of the study of ancient Greek and Chinese philosophies”

10:00-13:30

First session

Chair: Pantelis Golitsis

Richard King (Bern), *No canon, no dice? Does philosophy use a canon at all?*

Curie Virág (Edinburgh), *Canon-making in the age of cross-cultural philosophy.*

Jenny Zhao (Cambridge), *Diversifying the Philosophical Canon Through Sino-Hellenic Comparative Philosophy: Some Personal Reflections.*

13:30-14:30

Lunch break

16:00-19:30

Second session

Chair: Panagiotis Thanassas

Lisa Indracollo (Tallinn), *Problematizing the Canon by Redeeming the Black Sheep: The Chinese and Greek Sophists arguing with tradition.*

Lea Cantor (Cambridge), *Ancient philosophy within a global purview: from historiography to first-order philosophical interpretation.*

Hagop Sarkissian (New York), *What should be the focal points for philosophical theorizing? A test case from early Chinese thought.*

20:00

Dinner

Tuesday, 31 October

10:00-13:30

Third session

Chair: *Chloe Balla*

Georgios Steiris (Athens), *Should Mohist views on politics be considered as part of the philosophical canon?*

Louis-André Dorion (Montreal), *Is Xenophon a philosophos? Reflections on the refusal of the Moderns to recognize him as a philosopher.*

John Sellars (London), *Who counts as a philosopher? The case of Marcus Aurelius.*

13:30-14:30

Lunch break

16:00-19:30

Fourth session

Chair: *Stelios Virvidakis*

Chris Fraser (Hong Kong), *Aristotle and Xunzi on the Good Life.*

David Machek (Bern), *A cross-cultural perspective on the Confucian li and the Stoic decorum.*

Matthew Walker (Singapore), *Cross-Cultural Reflections on 'Bodily Excellence'.*

19:30

Wine reception

