



# International Conference on Confucianism: Retrospect and Prospect

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## DESCRIPTION

CONFUCIANISM, being one of the most ancient philosophical traditions in East Asia, has been receiving increasing scholarly attention in the West as well. This conference will cover a variety of topics to do with the historical resources, present issues and future prospects of Confucianism. By bringing together participants from Asia and North America, it aims to enrich the field by promoting interdisciplinary cooperation.

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## PROGRAM

Day 1 (Thursday, September 1, 2005)

**8:40-9:00 REGISTRATION / COFFEE**

**9:00-10:15 OPENING / KEYNOTE**

Opening remarks by:

Vincent SHEN  
Lee Chair in Chinese Thought and Culture,  
Department of East Asian Studies  
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Andre SCHMID  
Chair and Professor, Department of East Asian Studies  
University of Toronto

Keynote Speaker introduced by:

Kwong-loi SHUN  
Vice President, University of Toronto  
Principal, University of Toronto at Scarborough

Keynote Speech: “Virtues of *Junzi*”

Antonio CUA  
Professor Emeritus, School of Philosophy  
The Catholic University of America

**10:15-10:30 BREAK**

**10:30-12:00 SESSION 1**

Chair: Vincent SHEN

Speaker 1: Yuet-keung LO  
Lecturer, Department of Chinese Studies  
National University of Singapore

Paper: “Teachers-Disciples, or Friends? An Historico-Exegetical Approach to the *Analects*”

Speaker 2: Johanna LIU  
Professor, Department of East Asian Studies  
University of Toronto  
Paper: “Music [*Yue*] in Classical Confucianism: On the Recently Discovered *Xing Zi Ming Chu*”

### **12:00-1:00 LUNCH**

### **1:00-2:30 SESSION 2**

Chair: Ito PENG  
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology  
Director, Dr. David Chu Program in Asia Pacific Studies  
University of Toronto

Speaker 1: Anh Tuan NUYEN  
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy  
National University of Singapore  
Paper: “Is Mencius a Moral Internalist?”

Speaker 2: Kim-chong CHONG  
Professor, Division of Humanities  
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
Paper: “Xunzi and the Essentialist Mode of Thinking about Human Nature”

### **2:30-2:45 BREAK**

### **2:45-4:15 SESSION 3**

Chair: Chun-chieh HUANG  
Professor, Department of History  
National Taiwan University

Speaker 1: Alan K. L. CHAN  
Professor, Department of Philosophy  
Vice-Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
National University of Singapore  
Paper: “Do Sages Have Emotions?”

Speaker 2: Yong HUANG  
Professor, Department of Philosophy  
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Paper: “A Neo-Confucian Political Philosophy: The Cheng Brothers on *Li* (Propriety) as Political, Psychological, and Metaphysical”

**4:15-4:30 BREAK**

**4:30-6:00 SESSION 4**

Chair: Chun-chieh HUANG

Speaker 1: Chan-liang WU  
Professor, Department of History  
National Taiwan University  
Paper: “朱子之歷史思想 (The Historical Thought of Zhu Xi)”

Speaker 2: Jinfen YAN  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy  
University of Toronto at Scarborough  
Paper: “Between the Good and the Right: The Middle Way in Neo-Confucian and Mahayana Moral Philosophy”

**18:45– DINNER** (*for speakers, co-sponsors and invited guests only*)

Venue: Dynasty Chinese Cuisine  
131 Bloor St. W. Second floor of The Colonnade  
(Tel: 416-923-3323)

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Day 2 (Friday, September 2, 2005)

**8:40-9:00 REGISTRATION / COFFEE**

**9:00-10:30 SESSION 5**

Chair: Alan K. L. CHAN

Speaker 1: Curie VIRAG  
Assistant Professor, Departments of History and East Asian Studies  
University of Toronto  
Paper: “Locating the moral self: emotions and human agency in Song Neo-Confucian thought”

Speaker 2: Kwong-loi SHUN  
Paper: “‘Wholeness’ and ‘Purity’ in Confucian Thought”

**10:30-10:45 BREAK**

**10:45-12:15 SESSION 6**

Chair: Alan K. L. CHAN

Speaker 1: Chen-feng TSAI  
Professor, Department of Chinese Literature  
National Taiwan University  
Paper: “丁茶山的四書學 (Ding Cha Shan’s Study of the Four Books)”

Speaker 2: Chi-hsiung CHENG  
Professor, Department of Chinese Literature  
National Taiwan University  
Paper: “試論中國經典詮釋的三個核心問題 (On Three Core Problems to the Explanation of the Chinese Classics)”

**12:15-1:15 LUNCH**

**1:15-2:45 SESSION 7**

Chair: Kwong-loi SHUN

Speaker 1: Chao-ying CHEN  
Professor, Department of Chinese Literature  
National Taiwan University  
Paper: “徐復觀與自由主義 (Xu Fuguan and Liberalism)”

Speaker 2: Wing-cheuk CHAN  
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy  
Brock University  
Paper: “On Mou Tsung-san’s Idealist Confucianism”

**2:45-3:00 BREAK**

**3:00-4:30 SESSION 8**

Chair: Kwong-loi SHUN

Speaker 1: Cecilia WEE  
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy  
National University of Singapore  
Paper: “Confucius on *Li* and Montaigne on *Coustume*: A Reflection on Customary Practices and Personal Autonomy”

Speaker 2: Chun-chieh HUANG  
Paper: "Itô Jinsai on Confucius' *Analects*: A Type of Confucian Hermeneutics in East Asia"

**4:30-4:45 BREAK**

**4:45-6:00 SESSION 9 / ROUNDTABLE**

Chair: Kwong-loi SHUN

Speaker: Vincent SHEN  
Paper: "Globalization and Confucianism: Confucian Virtues of *Shu* and Generosity to the Other"

Discussion: Prospects for Confucian Studies in Asia and North America

**6:45– DINNER** (*for speakers, co-sponsors and invited guests only*)

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**Note:** Each speaker has 25 minutes for presentation and 20 minutes for discussion. Remarks or questions during discussion are limited to three minutes for each participant.

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