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Call for papers

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**Inaugural Biennial Conference
of European Association for Chinese Philosophy (EACP)**

**“THINKING ACROSS THE BORDERS:
PHILOSOPHY AND CHINA”**

Vilnius University

June 9-11, 2016

Scholars with interest in problems concerning Chinese philosophy and philosophy in China are invited to submit proposals for individual papers or panels, or to register as non-presenters at the Inaugural Biennial Conference of European Association for Chinese Philosophy (EACP), organized by Vilnius University Centre of Oriental Studies.

Deadlines:

- Individual paper and panel proposals for the *conference* should be submitted by **January 10, 2016**
- Student paper abstracts for *Young Scholar Award* should be submitted by **January 10, 2016**

Participants are invited to submit their proposals (individual papers and panels) in an online form: <http://www.eacp2016.oc.vu.lt/>. Panel proposals should contain all the abstracts of individual papers in the given panel.



Academic areas:

Both philosophy and Chinese civilization offer wide horizons for those who attempt to understand human condition in its universal, and also in its various particular modes. Thus, a broad range of thematic areas are expected to contribute to the goals of the conference:

- History of Chinese Thought
- Philosophy in China vs. Chinese Philosophy
- Methodological Challenges in Chinese and Comparative Philosophy
- Chinese Schools of Thought (*rujia*, *daoja*, *moja*, *fajia*, etc.) in Contemporary China
- Chinese Buddhism: Past and Present
- Chinese Appropriation of Western Philosophy
- Western Appropriation of Chinese Philosophy
- Logic and Argument in China
- Aesthetical, Ethical, Religious Traditions in China
- Contemporary Philosophy in Chinese-speaking Academia
- Chinese Traditional Systems of Knowledge (divination, medicine, astrology, etc.)
- Political philosophy and Chinese World of Thought
- Philosophical Anthropology and Chinese World of Thought
- Philosophy of Psychology and Chinese World of Thought
- Interdisciplinary Research and Chinese Philosophy
- Chinese Philosophy as Practice
- Challenges of the Contemporary World and Chinese Philosophy
- Problems of Translation and Chinese Intellectual Tradition

Conference description:

China-related topics are becoming more widespread in philosophical research around the world, thus making philosophy – still largely dominated by Western traditions – less parochial and more encompassing in its undertakings. However, there is still a quite noticeable separation between English-speaking and Chinese-speaking academic communities, not only due to language barriers, but also due to differences in academic approaches, styles and modes of thought. Moreover, the so-called Western scholarship on Chinese philosophy is not exhausted by the English language



publications, as a considerable part of European scholarship is conducted in national languages and remains less accessible to the wider audiences outside of the given linguistic environment.

Looking from a different perspective, Chinese intellectual tradition is still too often seen as being relevant only to political and ethical considerations. However, the early Chinese thinkers seem to be very thoughtful on various topics that are now of great interest to scholars in cognitive sciences, environmental studies, healthcare, and others.

The purpose of this conference is to provide an academic framework and to invite scholars to think across the various real and imagined borders: philosophical, cultural, national, disciplinary, academic. We hope to facilitate both the critical reexamination of the existing trends where philosophy gets in touch with China and China gets in touch with philosophy. A further goal is to open up innovative methodological approaches and new possible research directions in the field.

Young Scholar Award:

The conference also attempts to encourage young scholars (MA holders and PhD candidates) and to facilitate their investigations in areas related to Chinese philosophy and/or philosophy in China. This goal is to be met by the early integration of young scholars into the professional community. For this purpose, the Young Scholar Award is organized and one special panel is planned at the EACP conference to offer a platform and a balanced academic feedback for the youngest generation of researchers in the field of Chinese philosophy. For more information on the format and requirements of the Young Scholar Award, see: <http://www.eacp2016.oc.vu.lt/>.

Keynote Speakers:

Confirmed keynote speakers so far include:

- **Prof. Carine DEFOORT**, KU Leuven
- **Prof. PENG Guoxiang** 彭国翔, Zhejiang University



Conference Fee:

Conference fee is **50 EUR** for scholars and **10 EUR** for student presenters.
Conference fee will be higher, when paid on site.

Language of Communication:

English and Mandarin Chinese

Other important dates:

- June 21, 2015 – January 10, 2016: Abstract submissions for individual papers and panels
- February 15 – 17, 2016: Notification of acceptance
- February 15 – May 15, 2016: Online registration for conference
- June 9 – 11, 2016: Conference

Information:

Information about the EACP and the inaugural conference at Vilnius University, as well as the newest updates can be found at <http://www.eacp2016.oc.vu.lt/>. For any questions or clarifications please contact the organizers of the conference at eacp2016@oc.vu.lt, or the chair of the organizing committee Dr. Vytis SILIUS, at vytis.silius@oc.vu.lt.