

Council for Research in Values and Philosophy



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Message from the President:

In its World Congress, held every five years, philosophy takes account of itself and moves ahead. Held this last August in Athens, one of its key sources, its thematic took a dramatic step ahead. Breaking beyond the abstractive strictures of science, it identified philosophy not only as theory but as way of life: "Philosophy as Inquiry and Way of Life."

Recognizing the newly global character of our times it reconsidered issues from human dignity to the ability to admire and live in creative social harmony with "the other," that is, with distinctively different peoples both at home and abroad.

The perennial philosophical issue of "the one and the many" was reconsidered not only at deeper and more meaningful levels but now with the wisdom which comes from cultures as the life experience of the many peoples.

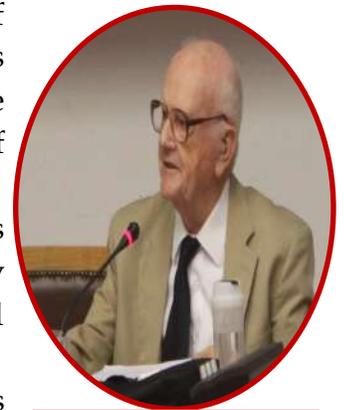
The significance of the present global juncture for philosophy was signaled by the award of the Global Dialogue Prize to this Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP). The award ceremony, addressed by the Presidents of both the International Federation of Philosophical Societies, William L. McBride, and the Greek Organizing Committee, Konstantine Boudouris, was held in the main auditorium of the University of Athens just prior to the multiple congress sessions.

The items of this RVP newsletter which follows illustrate the supporting studies and structures for which the prize was awarded. These extend from its network of research teams, conferences, seminars and publications spread horizontally across the globe and their vertical penetration to the deep meaning and transcendent goals of the many cultures as ways of life.

To this all peoples bring their aspirations for justice and generosity, for harmony and peace. These bear the experience and wisdom not only of the long ages past but of the moral strengths (virtues) needed in order to face the harsh challenges and respond to the new opportunities of the intercultural and intercivilizational global world upon which we now enter.

Perhaps the new text and test for philosophy and indeed for the humanities, is whether they can be real partners in the efforts of their peoples to enrich and inspire their coming generations with values which bring fortitude and hope, generate concern for all, and enliven a truly creative freedom.

Congratulation, indeed, to all!



George F. McLean

George F. McLean, January 2014

GLOBAL DIALOGUE PRIZE

Athens, Greece

Athens, Greece, August 4, 2013: “**Global Dialogue Prize**”. During the World Congress of Philosophy



Left to Right: Jesper Garsdal, George F. McLean & Johanna Seibt

the Global Dialogue Prize (GDP) committee awarded its 2013 prize to the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP) for its “global network of philosophers and value researchers of many cultural traditions, for its longstanding efforts in addressing sensitive issues of cultural heritage and contemporary change.” The Global Dialogue Prize is awarded for “outstanding achievements in the advancement and application of intercultural value research” across the globe. The award ceremony in 2013 took place on August 4 at 13:00 at the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy in Athens, Greece, just prior all the sessions began.

In the statement of the GDP Award Committee the RVP was described as an organization “that meets the goals and criteria of the GDP unambiguously and, indeed, most strongly. Consonant with the objectives of the GDP, the RVP is borne by

a spirit of scholarly sobriety that calls upon researchers to “respond to the new awareness of the cultural grounds of human life and the newly global character of their interaction” but also views such a response as a matter of the larger social responsibility of academics “to build cooperation among peoples by healing deep tensions and promoting peace and cooperation on a global scale.”

The GDP Award Committee certified that the RVP has fulfilled all the GDP criteria, namely, “to foster research communication among scholars in intercultural dialogue and value studies from around the world”; to “serve exclusively scholarly and cultural goals”; to conduct “superior research in intercultural dialogue and value studies,” and to make “outstanding achievements in applying such research to promote the goal of increasing intercultural understanding and competence”; and to “create a tangible precedent of dialogical praxis.”



Top-Left to Right: William L. McBride & Konstantine Boudouris
Tu Weiming, He Xirong, Joseph C. Achike Agbakoba, Gholamreza A'Avani & Robin Wang



The Award Ceremony, Athens



RVP and GDP Representatives at the Award Ceremony

The GDP Award Committee acknowledged the RVP work of all who, “as a community of scholars, have realized the academic and cultural achievements of this organization”; especially recognized and honored “the outstanding personal initiative and professional accomplishments of Professor George McLean who founded the Council, has been directing it since it was established, and has served as the general editor of its book series Cultural Heritage

and Contemporary Change. Professor McLean has endowed the Council with irenic wisdom and a superior vision of global dialogue as a praxis and a spirit that has many human faces.”

The award ceremony was chaired by Johanna Seibt, the GDP Associate Director. Konstantine Boudouris, President of the Hellenic Organizing Committee for the 23rd World Congress of Philosophy and William L. McBride, President of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP) made welcome remarks. Jesper Garsdal, the GDP Director and the main Coordinator of the GDP 2013 Prize gave the conceptual introduction of the GDP award followed by Robin Wang, Daum Professor in the Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts, Professor of Philosophy and Director of Asian Pacific Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, USA and member of the 2013 GDP award committee, who read the statement of the 2013 GDP award committee.

Four short reflections on the RVP achievements were given by Gholamreza A’avani, former Director of the Iranian Institute of Philosophy (2000-2011), Professor of Philosophy of Shahid Beheshti University and the University of Tehran; Director of the Iranian Philosophical Association; President of the International Society of Islamic Philosophy (ISIP); and Member of the FISP Steering Committee; Joseph C. Achike Agbakoba, Professor of Philosophy and Dean of School of General Studies, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria; President of the Nigerian Philosophical Association; Member of the FISP Steering Committee; He Xirong, Professor of Philosophy and Director The Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, P.R. China; and Tu Weiming, Lifetime Professor of Philosophy and Director of Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies at Peking University; Senior Fellow, Harvard University Asia Center; Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; and Member of the FISP Steering Committee. They are all long-term RVP collaborators.

George McLean, the RVP Founder and President with Hu Yeping, the RVP Executive Director, received the award on behalf of the RVP and all its members.



The Award Ceremony, Athens

PROJECT ON SECULAR AGE

Vienna, Austria

Vienna, Austria, June 8-9, 2013: **"Faith in a Secular Age"**. This project was initiated under the title:

Faith in a Secular Age in a dialogue of Cardinal Francis George and Charles Taylor. This was followed by two volumes now in the process of publication: one on transhumanism or the hope to achieve human fulfillment via the sciences and the other on the role of religion in the public life. It is now the third dimension concerning the role of culture in religion that is experiencing the greatest development.



Left to Right: José Casanova, Charles Taylor & George F. McLean

This conference was the fourth one since 2009. It brought about some 25 representatives who have been undertaking this project with a special focus on four growing disjunctions between Church and people traced out by Charles Taylor and José Casanova: (1) the departure of "seekers" from Church practice; (2) the mode of exercising the Church magisterium; (3) the content of its moral teaching and historicity; and (4) plural spiritualities. These were taken up as problematics in a prior meeting at the IMW in Vienna, published as *Church and People: Disjunctions in a Secular Age*, eds. Charles Taylor, José Casanova and George F. McLean (Washington, D.C.: The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2012 and available in full text on www.crvp.org as series VIII volume 1 under publications).

If the first (the seekers) and the fourth (plural spiritualities) disjunctions concerned directly the people while the second (magisterium) and third (the content of its moral teaching) concerned rather the institution, then the pattern of choices in relation to the four disjunctions was itself instructive. The North American teams self-deployed more evenly to all four disjunctions. The European teams however avoided almost entirely the second and third or more institutionally oriented issues and began almost univocally on the first disjunction of seekers and dwellers with major attention to the modes of spirituality being pursued. This may echo what has been broadly suggested that the process of secularization is more advanced in Europe. If so its experience both of the issues and of the responses may be especially indicative for the future and reveal how the religious resources stored in the cultural traditions can be



Conference, Vienna

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Conference, Vienna

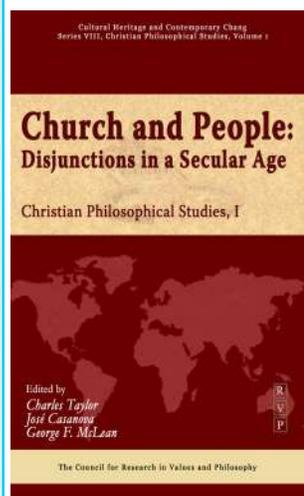
transformed and pointed forward in a dynamic manner for constructing paths into the future.

The strategy of working in teams responds to the emerging recognition in the global age of the significance of cultures or ways of life which

shape the corporate perception and response of the different peoples to their deepest issues of meaning and their most consistent and passionate aspirations. This integrating realm of human awareness in which the multiple religious spiritualities play a central role had been marginalized in the modern scientific search for clear and distinct ideas and the resulting specialization into separate academic disciplines. The special achievement of this meeting was to bring together representatives of teams from most of the Western, Central and Eastern European countries each with their distinctive but related culture in order to intersect on the analogous realms of the four disjunctions.

Participants came from such countries as Canada (Charles Taylor, Sophie Cloutier and Louis Peron), Czech Republic (Tomáš Halík), England (Anthony Carroll), France (Nicolas de Bremond d'Arès and Yann Raison du Cleuziou), Germany (Holger Zaborowski), Hungary (Zsuzsanna Bögre), Italy/Portugal (João J. Vila-Chã), Netherlands (Staf Hellemans and Peter Jonkers), Poland (Leon Dyczewski, Tadeusz Buksinski and Joanna Szegda), Portugal (Alexandre Palma), Romania (Wilhelm Dancă), Ukraine (Taras Dobko), USA (Philip J. Rossi, William Barbieri, José Casanova and George F. McLean), and Austria (Herta Nagl-Docekal, Ludwig Nagl and Kurt Remele).

Some such studies by the teams will be published in 2014 and the rest in 2015. The fifth meeting will be take place in Vienna in June 2014. Tomáš Vyhnálek and his mother helped during the conference.



Conference, Vienna

ANNUAL FALL SEMINAR

Seminar 2013, Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C., September 9-October 11, 2013: **“Justice and Responsibility: Cultural and Philosophical Considerations”**. The five week seminar was directed by a team of scholars each

with a different focus. (a) João J. Vila-Chã, RVP Vice President, the Department of Philosophy, Gregorian University, Rome, led the seminar participants in a review of classical materials on the issues of justice and responsibility as background readings, covering Lock, Hume, Rawls, Nozick, Dworkin, Cohen, etc. (b) Mihaela Czobor-Lupp, Political Science, Carleton College, Northfield, M.N., focused on post-modern readings on the issue of justice in society; the readings were by William Connelly, Romand Coles and

Stephen White. (c) William A. Barbieri, Associate of the CUA Center for the Study of Culture and Values and CUA School of Theology and Religious Studies, Washington, D.C., led the seminar group in a study of various cultures and concrete issues from philosophical and sociological perspectives. The authors included Amartya Sen on the idea of justice; Joseph Chan on Confucianism; Raquibuz Zaman on Islam; Carol Gilligan on women; Erin Cline on two senses of justice in Confucianism and Rawls; Daniel Philpott on just and

unjust peace, etc. (d) Vensus A. George of India and Associate of the CUA Center for the Study of Culture and Values, Washington, D.C., led the presentations and discussions of the seminar



João J. Vila-Chã



Vensus A. George



Mihaela Czobor-Lupp



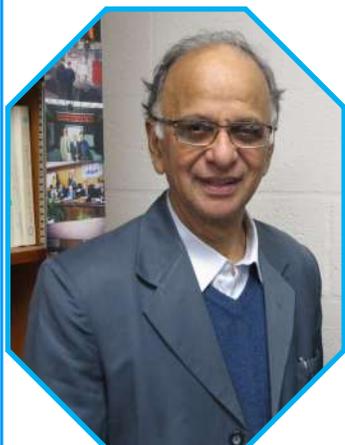
William A. Barbieri



Symposium at Boston College



Oliva Blanchette



Thomas Menampampil



Seminar Session in Washington, D.C.

participants for the final two weeks, hosting a distinguished speaker from the northern India.

Seminar participants were from such countries as Canada, China, India, Italy/Portugal, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, USA, etc. The set of readings covered philosophical, cultural and religious reflections on justice and responsibility.

Seminar participants drove to Boston for a two day conference held at Boston College (BC) on "Global Justice and Responsibility" sponsored by BC and organized by Oliva Blanchette. Charles Derber, Micah Lott, Aspen Brinton and Oliva Blanchette presented their papers on such issues as a critique of corporate globalization, responsibility of living wages, responsibility and recognition through action and global justice in a corporate global economy. The seminar participants, Feorillo A. Demetrio III, Ramesh Chandra Sinha, Denys Kiryukhin, Dan Chitoiu spoke on such issues as structural justice and collective responsibilities, global justice and national identity, responsibility and bonds of justice, justice as hierarchical participation in the good. For a round table where David J. Klassen, Sayed Hassan Hussaini, Ogugua Patricia Anwuluorah, Xu Haiming and Sreelekha Mishra presented their studies on justice and responsibility drawn on from Christian, Islamic, African, Confucian and Indian cultural traditions.



Vietnamese Delegation and Seminar Participants



A visit to the Farina's Family

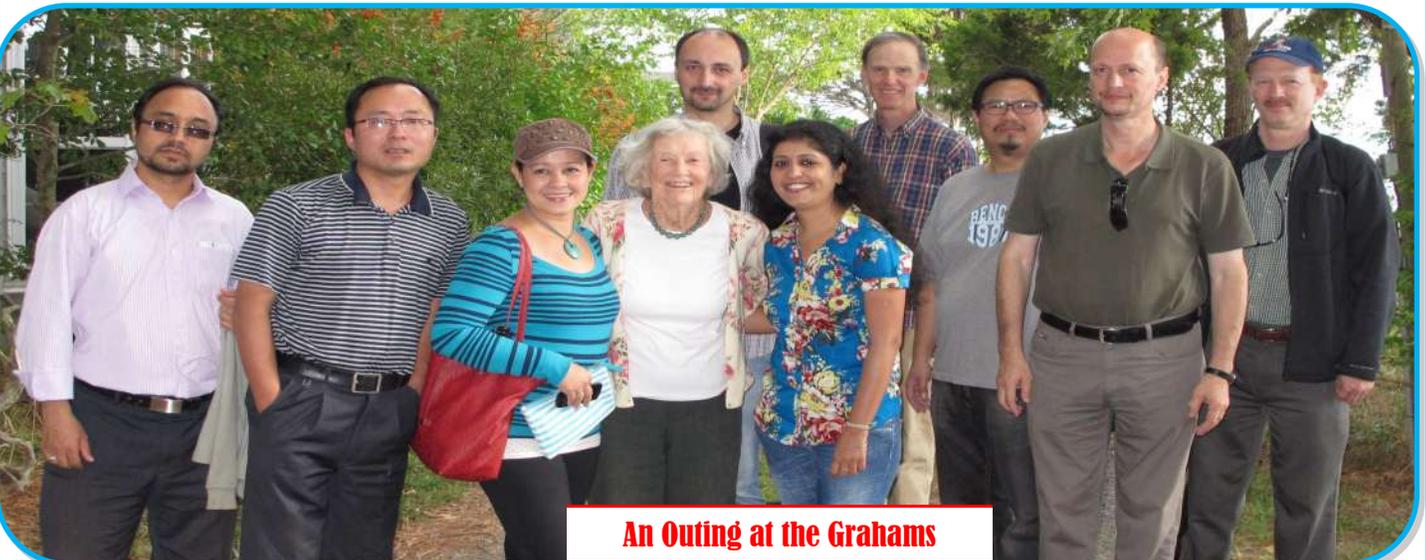
In Washington, Mihaela Czobor-Lupp, Michal Reka, Chrysoula Gitsoulis, William A. Barbieri, Vensus A. George, and Liu Yong presented papers on imagination and politics; “just do it or ding it justly,” a

comparative study on democracy, constitutive justice, human rights with an Indian perspective, and justice understood in contemporary China. Seamus Finn and Thomas Menamparampil as guests speakers spoke on the issue of justice and peace in the global economic arena and the ethical wisdom of Asia respectively.

A Vietnamese delegation of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, the Central Theoretical Council of the Communist Party of Vietnam, the Vietnam Academy of Journalism and Communication, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and Public Administration, and the Communist Party of Xuanhinh Commune (Pham Van Duc, Nguyen Tai Dong, Tran Tuan Phong, Le Duc Thang, Truong Ngoc Nam, Duong Ngoc Thanh) paid a short visit during the seminar and had an intensive discussion on democratization in Vietnam and the West. This was led by João J. Vila-Chã and translated by Tran Tuan Phong.

The research papers by the seminar participants will be published in the RVP series: “Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change” Series VII, Seminars: Culture and Values.

The seminar participants were hosted by John Farina, the Graham family, and Linda Perez, whose generosity and kindness were deeply appreciated by all.



An Outing at the Grahams

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Xian, P.R. China

Xian, P.R. China, December 21-22, 2013: **"Philosophy Today"**. This conference was planned and organized by Li Jianqun, the Department of Philosophy of Xian Jiaotong University. Nearly 60 people took part in the conference. At the opening session Vice President of the University, Cheng Guangxu, Dean of the School of Humanities, Bian Yanjie, Director of Foreign Affairs Office of the University, Liang Yan, Dean of School of Marxism, Wang Hongbou, and RVP Representative and the University of London,



Li Jianqun



RVP books to the University

Anthony Carroll, spoke on behalf of the University and the RVP. Hu Yeping presented RVP books to the University library. During the plenary session, Yan Mengwei from the Nankai University, Hu

Yeping from RVP, Yuan Zhushe from Shanxi Normal University, Yan Lianful and Zhang Fan from Xian Jiaotong University



Left to Right: Cheng Guanxu, Bian Yanjie, Liang Yan, Wang Hongbo & Anthony Carroll

spoke on the challenges of developing countries and traditions in the context of globalization, philosophy as a way of life, development in modern society, Chinese traditional culture and morality and social concerns today.

There were six sessions in the conference. Visiting participants came from Britain (Anthony Carroll), Canada (Natasha Kiran), Germany (Holger Zaborowski), India (L.P. Singh), Lithuania (Romualdas Dulskis), Romania (Dan Chitoiu), USA (Chrysoula Gitsoulis and Nicholas belief, the relationship between human beings and nature, urbanization and Chinese society,



Conference at Xian Jiaotong University

Terracotta & Classical Concert



Conference at Xian Jiaotong University



value of harmony and scientific development, challenges of to Lombardo) and Taiwan (Katia Lenihan and Doris Wu). A number of participants came from many Chinese Universities: the Nankai University (Yan Mengwei and Li Shumei), the Shanxi Normal University (Yuan Zhushu and Zhang Ping), Xibe University of Law and Politics (Zhang Zhouzhi), Xian University of Post and Communications (Zhang Xueguang), Xinan University of Law and Politics (Wang Guohua), Xian University of Science and Technology (Lei Yunfei), Xian Polytechnic University (Li Wuzhuang), Xidian University (Tang Jiawang), and Xian Jiaotong University (Li Jianqun, Wu Kun, Zhang Ruliang, Han Pengjie, Wang Xiaohong, Zhang Fen, Yan Lianfu, Lu Lige, Li Yongsheng, Lei Qiaoling, Li Zhong, Qui Genjiang, Tian Jiajun, Wang Jian, Ren Lina, etc.) The issues discussed included construction of core values and cultural identity, philosophy and social development, science and technology, critique of consumer society, Marxism and Chinese Marxism, morality and contemporary core values and Chinese traditional culture, communication and pluralistic society and minority language, global culture and spirituality, value and meaning in human life, philosophy in modernization and globalization, critique of rationality, dialogue between Christianity and Confucianism, Western philosophy, comparative study of Confucius and Aquinas, Lao Zi and Socrates, etc.

The conference concluded with Li Jianqun and Hu Yeping who gave thematic summaries of all presentations and discussions, a note of gratitude to all participants, and looked forward to future cooperation. The conference papers will be published by the RVP in its publication series "Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change" Series III Asian Philosophical Studies, edited by Li Jianqun. Zhang Lizhi from the Foreign Affairs Office played an important role in assuring the success of the conference by both receiving the visiting participants and translating during some conference sessions. Yan Lianfu, Qiu Genjiang and Ren Lina from the Department of Philosophy and many students worked intensively to assist in the organization of the conference.

The participants visited the well-known terracotta warriors as well as attended an exquisite classical concert from the Tang Dynasty, with a traditional dumplings banquet when in Xian.



Group Photo at Xian Jiaotong University

Shanghai, P.R. China

Shanghai, P.R. China, December 18-19, 2013: “**Morality and Responsibility in Times of Global Change or Moral Crisis and Reconstruction of Values in Modernity**”. The conference was planned with Wang Xinshen, the Director of the RVP Center at Fudan University and Vice Dean of



Sun Xiangchen



Yu Wujin



Vincent Shen



Wang Xinsheng



Yuan Xin

its School of Philosophy and was sponsored by the National Philosophy and Social Science Major Subject (General History Research on The Western Moral Philosophy Research Group) and Studies on Contemporary Catholicism sponsored by the Third Session of Program 985. Staff members and students from the School of Philosophy helped in the organization of the conference.

Wang Xinsheng chaired the opening session. Sun Xiangchen, Dean of the School of Philosophy, Vincent Shen and HuYeping, spoke at the opening on behalf of the School of Philosophy and the RVP, followed by a group photo. Many visiting participant also took part in the metaphysics conference at ECNU, such as Umut Asanova (Kyrgyzstan), Anthony Carroll (Britain), Dan Lazea and Dan Chitoiu (Romania), Chrysoula Gitsoulis (USA), Wojciech Golubiewski (Poland), Igor Kondrashin (Russia), Nicholas Lombardo (USA), Vincent Shen (Canada/Taiwan), Zhyldyz Urmanbetova (Kyrgyzstan), Holger Zaborowski (Germany), etc. Some came from such Chinese Universities as the Nanjing Normal University (Chen Zhen), Peking University (Yang Xisheng), Hehai University (Yu Dahuai), the Renmin University of China (Zhan Shiyong), the University of Hong Kong (Song Fei), Xiamen University (Zhang Huiyong), as well as from the Fudan University (Chen Jia, Deng Anqing, Wang Xinsheng, Yu Wujin and Yuan Xin).



Group Photo at Fudan University



Huangpu River



Conference at Fudan University

Participants discussed the thematic from different perspectives: Chinese and Western, classical and modern, philosophical and theological, theoretical and practical, etc. Issues included Chinese Mahayana Buddhism on an ethics of generosity, Confucian understanding of personal responsibility, responsibility and choice, modernity and morality, moral values and existential philosophy, global ethics, moral standards, theological understanding of morality, moral objectivism, morality and society, globalization and boredom, Kyrgyz culture and global change, new conservatism and modern political ethics, Eastern and Western mentality, participation and responsibility in self-education, frameworks of Western philosophy, critique of nature law, Aquinas and moral wisdom.

Yu Wujin, Director of the Research Center of Modern Marxist Studies and the Fudan Research Center of Modern Philosophy, Yuan Xin, General Secretary of the School of Philosophy, and Hu Yeping, spoke on behalf of Fudan University and the RVP. There has been a long tradition of cooperation between the School of Philosophy at the Fudan University and the RVP beginning in early 1990. Many professors (Liu Fantong, Yu Wujin, Huang Songjie, Wu Xiaoming, Wang Xinsheng, Zou Shipeng, Zu Xiaohong, etc.) took part in RVP seminars and its regional conferences and published many philosophical studies in RVP publication series “Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change” Series III Asian Philosophical Studies.

The visiting participants visited the Shanghai Museum and drove through the Bund along the Huangpu River in Shanghai.



Conference at Fudan University



Oriental Pearl Tower

Shanghai, P.R. China

Shanghai, P.R. China, December 16-17, 2013: **“Metaphysics: East and West”**. This conference was co-sponsored with the International Society for Metaphysics (ISM), the Institute for Modern Chinese Thought and Culture of Philosophy at East China Normal University (ECNU), planned during the Philosophy in Autumn, 2013 in Shanghai. It was the 15th World Congress of Philosophy, 2013 in Athens. The conference was moderated by Anthony Carrol, former ISM President, and Hu Yeping Guorong, the current ISM President and Yu Zhenhua, the current ISM General Secretary from ECNU plans for holding this conference.



Left to Right: Yu Zhenhua, Yang Guorong & Anthony Carroll

At the opening session, Yang Guorong and Anthony Carroll from Heythrop College of the University of London spoke on the conference thematic. Hu Yeping gave a brief description of the ISM history and presented a set of books published by the RVP in cooperation with the ISM.

More than 30 scholars participated in the conference. They came from such countries as Britain (Anthony Carroll), Canada/Taiwan (Vincent Shen), France (Frederic Wang), Germany (Holger Zabrowski), India (L.P. Singh), Kyrgyzstan (Umut Asanova and Zhyldyz Urmanbetova), Pakistan (Qaiser Shahzad), Poland (Wojciech Golubiewski), Romania (Dan Chitoiu), Russia (Igor Kondrashin), Slovakia (Martin Vacek), USA (Chrysoula Gitsoulis, Nicholas Lombardo and Michael Slote) and many from Chinese Universities (Chen Rui, Dai Jin, Ding Chengji, Guo Meihua, Huang Yong, Joanna Guzowska, Song Liyan, Wu Zhongwei, Yu Xuanmeng, and Zhou Kezhen), and from ECNU itself (Cai Zhen, Hao Xudong, Jia Guoheng, Liu Liangjian, Paul D'Ambrosio, Yu Zhenhua, Zhang Lili, and Zong Deshen).

The issues discussed during the conference included frameworks of metaphysics in a secular age, problems and perspectives of metaphysics, Eastern and Western metaphysics, how to carry out metaphysics today, modes of metaphysics in the contemporary world, identity crisis and of



Group Photo at ECNU

metaphysics, truth and wisdom, freedom and responsibility, metaphysics of desire, Heidegger's reading Western metaphysics, Aquinas and metaphysics, metaphysics in Western philosophical schools, frameworks of cognitive theories and propositions, sentimentalist theory of mind, Chinese classical understanding of metaphysics of human nature and the ontological person, metaphysics of life in poetry, etc.

Cai Zhen, Liu Xiangmei and a group of graduate students from the Department of Philosophy at ECNU assured the success of the conference.



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Taipei, Taiwan

Taipei, Taiwan, December 13-14, 2013: **“Spiritual Foundations and Chinese Culture: A Philosophical Approach”**. This conference was planned when Katia Lenehan, Director of Institute of Scho-



Katia Lenehan



Left to Right: Chou Shang-Shing, Leszek Niewdana, Chen Fang-Chung, Vincent She & Hu Yeping



Li-Yiing Lynn Fu

lastic Philosophy, Fu Jen Academia Catholica at the Fu Jen University, was taking part in the RVP 2012 annual fall seminar on “Building Community in a Mobile/Global Age” in Washington September to October. In order to assure the success of the conference she secured the University sponsorship and support. Li-Yiing Lynn Fu from the Institute coordinated the entire conference from the preparation to the follow-up publication collection, etc.

The conference was held at the Fu Jen University and opened by Chou Shang-Shing and Leszek Niewdana, Vice Presidents of the Fu Jen University, Chen Fang-Chung, Director of Fu Jen Academia Catholica; and Vincent Shen and Hu Yeping on behalf of the University and the RVP. Robert C. Neville and Vincent Shen as keynote speakers spoke on issues of spiritual foundation and Chinese culture and Chinese spirituality in an intercultural context respectively.

Participants came from such countries as Canada (William Sweet and Cheng John Wai Leung), mainland China, Britain (Anthony Carrol and Edward McDougall), Germany (Holger Zaborowski), Lithuania (Romualdas Dulskis), Philippines (Corazon T. Toralba), Russia (Igor I. Kondrashin), South Korea (Jin Taik Eum), USA (Nicholas Lombardo), as well as from the faculty of the Fu Jen University (Katia Lenehan and Wang Shang-Wen). About 11 young scholars (Lin Chunjie, Huang Wang, Hung Tsz Wan Andrew, Huang Chuan Gen, Feng Chuantao, Chen Kaihua, Fu Zhiyong,



Vincent Shen



Conference at Fu Jen University



Robert C. Neville



William Sweet & Katia Lenehan

Huang Yun, Dong Huifang, Lam Yuet Ping, Ding Jienhua) from different universities in mainland China presented their papers.

During the conference participants discussed such issues as integration of Chinese culture, spirituality and philosophy with Buddhism, Christianity and other traditions; issues of human rights and philosophical counseling; the way of thinking in the East and the

West;

comparative studies between Chinese classical philosophy, such as Confucianism, and Western thought, such as Plato, Aristotle, Jacques Maritain, Charles Taylor; Bernard Lonergan Chinese religions and Christianity; Daoism and modernity; music and Zen Buddhism; inculturation; deities and ancestor reverence; secular age and reemergence of spiritual life; life values in both the East and the West; Heidegger and possibility of dialogue between the East and the West; cross cultural dialogue and communication; hospitality; Chinese contemporary aesthetics; love and life.

The conference concluded with remarks by William Sweet, RVP Vice President, and Katia Lenehan. The conference papers will be published in the RVP publication series "Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change," Series III Asian Philosophical Studies in the Fall 2014 edited by Katia Lenehan and Anthony Carroll.



Conference at Fu Jen University



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Bucharest, Romania

Bucharest, Romania, November 22-23, 2013: "Faith in a Secular Age". This conference was held on the occasion of the 150 anniversary of the University of Bucharest (1864-2014) and sponsored by the Faculty of Catholic Theology of the University. Ioan Robu, Metropolitan Archbishop of Bucharest and Wilhelm Dancă, RVP Coordinator and Dean of the Faculty of Catholic Theology opened the conference with a welcome remark. Participants came from such Romanian cities as Bucharest (Iuliana Conovici, Violeta Barbu, Wilhelm Tauwinkl, Gabriela Blebea Nicolae, Magdalena



Ioan Robu



Conference at University of Bucharest



Wilhelm Dancă

Dumitrana, Lorena Valeria Stuparu), Cluj-Napoca (Ionuț Mihai Popescu), Iași (Gheorghe Petraru, Dan Chițoiu, George Buteanu), Oradea (Daniela Maci, Mihai Maci), Roman (Iosif Bisoc), Timișoara (Robert Lazu), and from some other countries as Egypt (Mehmet Suleiman); France (Blaj Daniel); Italy (Ionuț Chelariu and Ermis Segatti) and Spain (David Castrilljos). During the preparation of the conference Gabriela Blebea Nicolae played an important role in assuring the coordination and success of the conference.

The issues discussed included the possible disjunctions between Church and People; religion in the post-Communist Romania; the Romanian Orthodox Church and the challenge of religious pluralism; the notion of God within the Romanian Orthodox Church; faith, education and culture; understanding religious meaning in post-Communist Romania; post-Communist man and immortality; personal spiritual orientation in young people; models of dialogue between Church and culture; spiritual fulfilment and miracles; the return of theology; secularism and the crisis of religious symbolism; spiritual experience in a secular age; spirituality and civism; faith and a secularized economy; Christianity, anonymity and transparency; and so on.

The conference papers will be published by the RVP in its publication series "Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change," Series IVA, Central and Eastern European Philosophical Studies and Series VIII, Christian Philosophical Studies and will be edited by Wilhelm Dancă.



Conference at University of Bucharest

Athens, Greece

Athens, Greece, August 1-3, 2013: "Culture and Philosophy as Ways of Life in Times of Global



George F. McLean



Pre-Congress Conference, Athens

Change". On the occasion of the World Congress of Philosophy the RVP, as is its tradition, organized a pre-World Congress conference in Athens at University of Athens, in accordance with the theme of the World Congress of Philosophy "Philosophy as Inquiry and Way of Life." It was also the occasion of anniversary of 30 RVP annual seminars; 150 RVP international conferences on "Culture and Values" over the last 15 years; and 300 volumes in the RVP publication series: "Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change." 150 participants from some 30 countries across all the continents took part in the three day conference. Konstantine Boudouris, President of the Hellenic Organizing Committee for the World Congress of Philosophy, and his colleagues, Stelios Virvidakis, Professor from the University of Athens, Anastasia Zografou and other students from the University of Athens, helped with the pre-Congress conference preparation and the RVP book display at the World Congress.



Richard A. Cohen, Mark Gedney & João J. Vila-Chã



Enrique D. Dussel, Indra Nath Choudhuri & Gholamreza Aavani

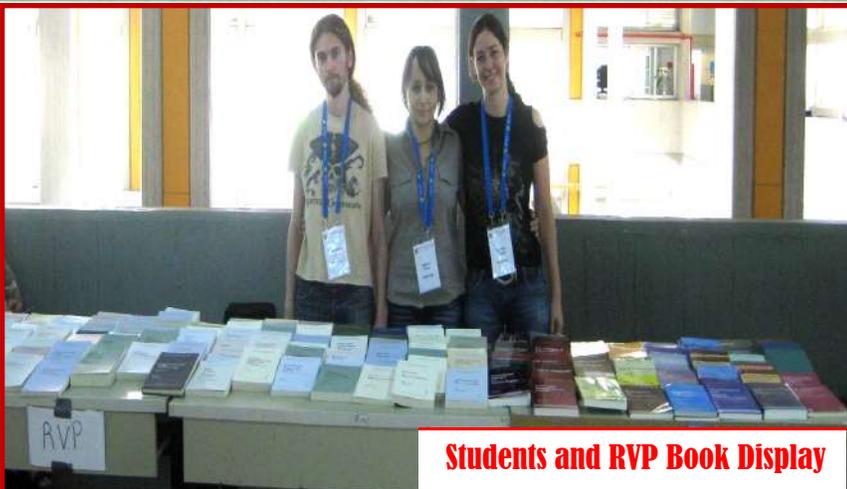


Marietta Stepanyants, M.B Ramose & Tu Weiming

Each morning there were two sessions with three keynote speakers to bring out the central issues of the day. The first day William Sweet, RVP Vice President and from St. Francis Xavier University in Canada, chaired the morning session, George F. McLean gave the conference thematic introduction followed by three keynote speakers: Richard A. Cohen from University of University of

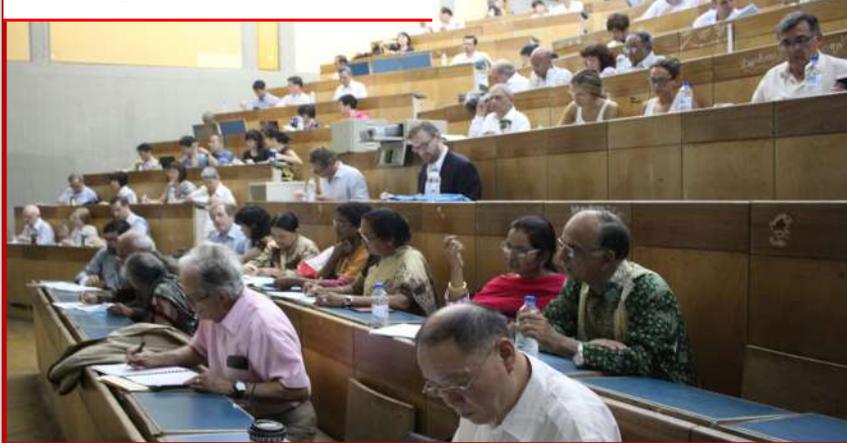


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Students and RVP Book Display

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Buffalo, Mark Gedney from Gordon College in Boston, and João J. Vila-Chã from Gregorian University in Rome, who spoke respectively on Levinas' ethics of otherness, Arendt and Riceour on bio politics, and wisdom of agape. Oliva Blanchette from Boston College and Joseph A. Agbakoba from University of Nigeria chaired the second morning sessions; three keynote speakers: Enrique Domingo Dussel from Metropolitan Autonomous University in Mexico, Indra Nath Choudhuri from India, and Gholamreza Aavani from Iran Institute of Philosophy, spoke respectively on Marxist understanding of the meaning of matter for life, the Indian notion of self as ultimate consciousness, and the integration of matter and spirit from an Islamic perspective. The third morning sessions were chaired by Stelios Virvidakis from University of Athens

and Umut Asanova from Kyrgyzstan-Turkey Manas University in Bishkek with other three keynote speakers: Marietta Stepanyants from the Russian Academy of Social Sciences in Moscow, M.B Ramose from University of South Africa in Pretoria, and Tu Weiming from Peking University/Harvard University, who spoke respectively on philosophy as way of life from Russian, African and Chinese perspectives. All the keynote speakers are the RVP Council members.

Each afternoon four or five concurrent sessions took place on issues of openness to the other and the cultural pluralism of global times; human transcendence in metaphysics and religion as way of life; the human person as integrating matter and spirit; the comparative nature of culture and philosophy as ways of life; challenges of philosophy in global times; and philosophizing world cultures as ways of life.

The conference concluded with remarks by George F. McLean and Hu Yeping who offered thanks to all the participants. The conference papers will be published by the RVP in its publication series



Concluding session: George F. McLean, Tu Weiming & Umut Asanova



Hu Yeping

"Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change," edited by William Sweet along with others.

Ioannina, Greece

Ioannina, Greece, July 28-30, 2013: "Philosophy and Crisis: Responding to Challenges to Ways of Life in the Contemporary World". The conference was held at the University of Ioannina as part of the RVP pre-World Congress of Philosophy conference held in Athens August 1-3, 2013. The Sector of Philosophy of the same University planned and organized the conference. The conference was conceived by three faculty members of the Sector of Philosophy: Associate Professor Golfo Maggini, former Associate Professor Helen Karabatzaki and Lecturer Vasiliki Solomou-Papanikolaou during a Christmas visit of Hu Yeping the three chief organizers sought as well as other remembers and students of the Philosophy Sector joined success of the conference.



Left to Right: Golfo Maggini, Helen Karabatzaki & Vasiliki Solomou-Papanikolaou

The conference was held in the occasion of the celebration of the 100 years anniversary of the liberation of City Ioannina. The conference was well attended by nearly 120 participants from countries such as Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Italy/Portugal, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States, etc. Some 60 participants came from universities across Greece alone.

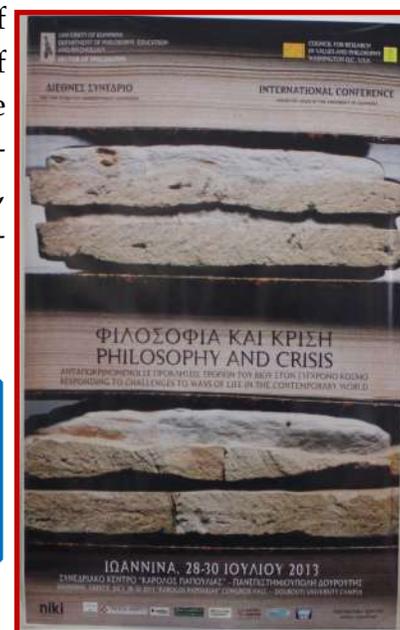


Left to Right: Costas Douzinas, Evangelos Moutsopoulos & Nikolas Kompridis

The opening was chaired and welcomed by the local organizers: Golfo Maggini and Helen Karabatzaki. The following persons spoke on behalf of the University and the RVP: Professor T. Albanis, Professor Triantafyllos Albanis, the Rector of the University of Ioannina, Professor Panagiotis Soukakos, President of The Council of the University of Ioannina, Professor Aikaterini Liampi, Dean of the School of Philosophy, Professor Konstantinos Petsios, Head of the Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology, and Hu Yeping, RVP Executive Director. The address of the Head of the Sector of Philosophy Professor Panagiotis Noutsos was read by Golfo Maggini.



Left to Right: Triantafyllos Albanis, Aikaterini Liampi, Konstantinos Petsios & Hu Yeping





Vasiliki Solomou-
Papanikolaou



Conference at University of Ioannina



João J. Vila-Chã

As keynote speakers Professor Costas Douzinas from Birkbeck College, University of London, Academician Evangelos Moutsopoulos from the Academy of Athens and Professor Nikolas Kompridis from the University of Western Sydney, Australia, spoken on the issues of crisis in Greece and the future of Europe, the philosophical understanding of crises in History and the relationship among philosophy, crisis and democracy. The keynote speech of Professor Panagiotis Noutsos from on antidotes to the current Greek crisis was read by Golfo Maggini.

Nearly 30 concurrent sessions took place during the conference. Some round tables focused on the issues of Greece in crisis and Ancient Greek philosophy as an antidote to today's global crisis. Some special sessions were dedicated to participation by students from the University of Ioannina and other domestic and foreign universities.

The conference participants discussed multi-faced aspects of crisis, crisis in the Ancient world, modern philosophical perspectives on crisis, crisis values and modernity, contemporary philosophical views on crisis, hermeneutics of crisis, current European crisis, Greece in crisis, religion and crisis, aesthetic values and crisis, crisis, values and modernity, the hermeneutics of crisis, etc. The successful conference was closed by the remarks of Vasiliki Solomou-Papanikolaou on behalf of the local organizing committee along with João J. Vila-Chã, RVP Vice-President, on behalf of the RVP.

During the conference the chief organizers arranged rich cultural activities: a popular Greek musical concert organized by the Cultural Center of the Municipality of Ioannina, a visit to the Byzantine Museum of Ioannina and the historical Mosque of the Castle of Ioannina built during the Ottoman period, a farewell banquet along the beautiful lake.

The conference proceedings will be co-edited by Golfo Maggini, Helen Karabatzaki, Vasiliki Solomou-Papanikolaou and João J. Vila-Chã and will be published by the RVP in its publication series "Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change" Series IV Western Philosophical Study in the Fall of 2014.



Conference at University of Ioannina

Moscow, Russia

Moscow, Russia, April 25-26, 2013: “Humanities and Knowledge: Philosophy, Literature and Language”. The conference was held at the People’s Friendship University of Russia as part of the University Scientific Program “Dialogue of Civilizations: East and West” which began in early 2000. It was sponsored by the Faculty of Social Studies and Humanities, Department of History of Philosophy and Center of Humanitarian Education in Comparative Studies along with Institute of



Ruzana Pskhu



Conference at People’s Friendship University



Nur Kirabaev

Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Lomonosov Moscow State University and Institute of Far East of the Russian Academy of Sciences. It was organized by Ruzana Pskhu, the RVP regional Coordinator, from the same University. Nur Kirabaev, Vice Rector of the University opened the conference.

The conference focused on a general discussion on philosophical and philological issues from an interdisciplinary perspective, with some methodological issues on humanities and knowledge: philosophy, literature and language. Scholars came from such disciplines as linguistics, philology, philosophy and related fields: Smirnov Andrey from Department of Islamic Studies of Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences; Urkevich Alexander from the National University of the Highest School of Economy, Khismatullin Alexey from the Institute of Oriental Studies, St. Petersburg, Jack harte from Irish Writers’ Center in Dublin, Ireland, Rashkovsky Eugeny from Russian Library of Foreign Language, Seyyd Javad from the Institute of Humanities and Culture Studies and Center for Sociological Studies in UK, Skorohodova Tatyana from Penza State University, Igor Kondrashin and Timi Ecimovich from the World Philosophical Forum, as well as Ruzana Pskhu, Elena Grevtsova, Sergey Nizhnikov, etc. from the Friendship University.



Conference at People’s Friendship University

Issues included the role of language and logic in the philosophical cultures of the East and the West, especially in Russian, Islamic, and Indian; ways to understand different language cultures and the philosophical foundations of translation; the integration of philosophy and literature in different cultures, etc.

Chandigarh, India

Chandigarh, India January 6-7, 2013: **"Identity and Otherness"**. The conference was held at the Panjab



Sebastian Velassery

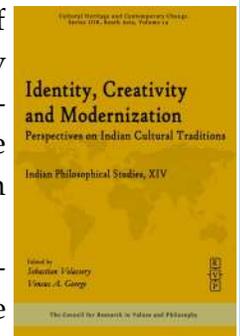
University in Chandigarh, sister university with the University of Panjab in Lahore, Pakistan, 30 kilometers away. It was organized by Sebastian Velassery from the Department of Philosophy of the Panjab University. He took part in the RVP annual Fall seminars in the past and also published a philosophical study with his colleagues on identity and Indian culture in the RVP publication series.

The conference was opened by Shivani Sharma, Chair of the Department of Philosophy, and Sebastian Velassery who welcomed the participants and introduced the theme. A.K. Grover, Vice Chancellor

of the University, addressed the participants. The keynote speaker was S. Panneerselvam, Chair of the Department of Philosophy at the Madras University in Chennai along with James A. Loiacono, RVP representative, with talks on existential and phenomenological aspects of human life in India and the unity of many cultures, philosophies and religions. H.P. Sah gave a vote of thanks to the speakers.

Participants came from different universities in India: Dharmendra Geol, Satya Pal Gautam, Sameena Hasan Siddiqui, Sarall Jhingran, Qinam Bhagat, C. Tommy, C.V. Babu from New Delhi; Thomas Menampampil from Guwahati; Alok Tandon from Lucknow; Anoop George and Walter Menezes from Bombay; Nirbhai Singh from Patiala; Pius Vazhapally Thomas from Silchar; Qinam Bhagat and E. Rajeevan and S.C. Bose from Kerala; Anil Tiwari from Jammu; Ambuj Sharma from Punjab; and Reena Patra, Qinam Bhagat, S.P. Gautam, Akshay Kumar, Lallan Singh Baghel and N.K. Oberoi from the Panjab University. Bhuvan Chandel and Sebastian Velassery spoke at the concluding.

Issues discussed during the conference included dialogue and communication among cultures and religions, diversity and unity in pluralist society, education in youth and the future of communities and nations, comparative studies of Western and Indian philosophies, self and otherness, intersubjectivity and identity, Sankara and Advaitic philosophy, Brahman and Dharma, analyses on Levinas, Buber and Taylor, etc.



Left to Right: James A. Loiacono, Bhuvan Chandel, & S. Panneerselvam



Conference at University of Panjab

Varanasi, India

Varanasi, India January 10-12, 2013: **“Values Embedded in Indian Philosophy”**. The conference was held



Devendra Nath Tiwari

at Banaras Hindu University (BHU). Devendra Nath Tiwari, Chair of the Department of Philosophy at BHU, planned and organized the conference. At the opening Kamal Sheel, former Dean of Faculty of Arts and Coordinator of Malaviya Centre for Ethics and Values at BHU and M.N. Rai, Dean, Faculty of Art at BHU, inaugurated the conference; Devendra Nath Tiwari delivered the key note address; and James A. Loiacono along with Thomas Menampampil represented the RVP at the conference and gave a talk.



Participants came from many Indian universities in Kolkata, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Chennai, Jaipur, Aligarh, Bodhgaya, Patna, Delhi, Assam, Hyderabad, Silchar, Kerala, Pandicherry, as well as from Varanasi. A number of scholars from BHU took part in the conference. Some participants also came from Australia, Sweden, USA. Sangita Pundit from the Faculty of Music at BHU arranged for conference participants to enjoy Indian classical musical and vocal programs at the Pandit Onkar Nath Thakur Auditorium.

During the conference the scholars discussed such issues as Indian philosophy as *preyas-mūlyas* and *śreyas*; the Indian philosophy as the life of Institutions (*puruārthas*) to be practiced in all the four stages of life; different categories of desires and actions and different *śāstrakāras* and values; traditional religions and practices as virtuous; morality and responsibility in individual and social life; religious, social, socio-ethical and cultural practices of life; Classical Values and the modern value-crisis; myth of the *Puruārthas*; concept of Values in Indian classical philosophy; post modernity and the relevance of ancient values; religio-ethical values; values in Higher Education; socio-political values; concepts of *Ṛta* & *Sat*; role of three debts (*ṛatraya*) in Indian life; values and Social obligation; individual and social values.

Shantiniketan, India

Shantiniketan, India January 14-15, 2013: **“Values and Contemporary Culture: An Indian Perspective”**. The



conference was held at the Visva-Bharati University, founded by Rabindranath Tagore as a “communion of the world with India.” Vice Rector of the University opened the conference. Md Sirajul Islam, Chair of the Department of Philosophy, monitored the sessions.

India is a pluralistic society with rich traditions. How to make them relevant in the present modern global context and how to preserve the unity in diversity by way of *ahimsa parmo dharma*- the right to “Live and Let Others Live.” However, violence



Md Sirajul Islam

has become a part of modern life. We have learned to live with terrorism, religious conflicts, political unrest and social conflicts while pursuing rights and facing environmental hazards. In some sense violence is a necessary component of real life, but is it necessarily a social and moral evil? The *Mahabharata* lays much emphasis on trust as central to all personal and social relationship: what is its meaning and relation to violence? Indeed, self and other are two sides of the same coin. Violence towards the other is violence towards self. All these were the central focus of the conference. Discussions were alive and intense.

James A. Loiacono along with Thomas Menampampil represented the RVP at the conference and gave a talk on how to understand human person in these global times.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC VISITS

Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C., May, 2013: Nur Kirabaev, Vice Rector of People's Friendship University of Russia in Moscow, visited the RVP office in Washington, D.C. to discuss future cooperation between his University and the RVP with George F. McLean and Hu Yeping. The two institutes have had a long term cooperation since 1990s. Eight faculty members (Nur Kirabaev, Yuriy Pochta, Elena Anikeeva, Elena Grevtsova, Sergey Nizhnikov, Ruzana Pskhu, Vladimir Ivanov, and Anton Gordeev) from the University have taken part in RVP annual seminars since 2000. The RVP has published a member of philosophical studies from the University and also co-organizes annual conferences of the University Scientific Program "Dialogue of Civilizations: East and West" which began in early 2000. The result of this long-term cooperation between the two institutions was the establishment of a RVP center at the University last year.



Nur Kirabaev



Washington, D.C., December, 2013: Ayatullah Sayed Muhammad Amin Mujahid from Kabul, Afghanistan came to the RVP office for a short visit. John P. Hogan and Hu Yeping, RVP representatives, had an intensive discussion on Islamic religion and philosophy and on dialogue and cooperation among peoples, cultures and religions. This also explored the possibility of future cooperation and work in Kabul. Sayed Hassan Hussaini (Akhlq), a visiting fellow of the RVP and Sayed Jawad Hussainy from the Afghan community in Virginia accompanied Ayatullah Mujahid.



Left to Right: Sayed Jawad Hussainy, John P. Hogan, Ayatullah Mujahid & Sayed Hassan Hussaini

Beijing, P.R. China

Beijing, P.R. China, December, 2013: Anthony Carroll and Holger Zaborowski, RVP representa-



Zhang Haojun

tives, visited Beijing Law and Politics University respectively on a mission among cultures and Heidegger philosophy. It was arranged by Zhang Haojun, who visited RVP Spring and Summer 2011 when at the Center for the Study of Culture



Holger Zaborowski

University of Toronto and gave a lecture on dialogic cooperation and people on Western philosophy arranged by Holger Zaborowski. He took part in the Fall seminars in 2011 and 2012 at the CUA Center for



Anthony Carroll

and Values as a visiting scholar. He had an intensive discussion with Li Deshun, President of the Chinese Association of Values and Philosophy and Professor Emeritus of the Department of Philosophy at the Beijing University of Law and Politics, exploring possibilities of cooperation in organizing conferences and publications.



Li Deshun

An international conference on value and philosophy has been planned in 2015 at the Nankai University in Tianjing, P.R. China. It will be hosted by Yan Mengwei from of the Department of Philosophy at the Nankei University.



Beijing, P.R. China, December, 2013: Anthony Carroll gave a lecture at the School of Philosophy at the Renmin University of China in Beijing on the development of Western philosophy. Wen



Wen Haiming Presented His Book to Anthony Carroll

Haiming, from the School of Philosophy, chaired the session. After the lecture Wen Haiming presented his book *Chinese Philosophy* (published by the Cambridge University Press, 2012) to Anthony Carroll.

The Renmin University has a close cooperation with the RVP. Some faculty members took part in the RVP annual fall seminars in the past. A delegation led by the Dean of the School paid a visit in May 2012. An international conference was held in 2013 and an RVP center was established there under the leadership of Gan Chunsong, Vice Dean of the School of Philosophy. Another conference is under consideration between the School of Philosophy and the RVP.

Shanghai, P.R. China

Shanghai, P.R. China, December 2013: He Xirong, Director of the Institute of Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Science, along with some colleagues, Yu Xuanmeng, former Director of the Institute, Cheng Sumei, Shi Yongzhe and Zhao Shikong invited Vincent Shen and Hu Yeping, RVP representatives, for a business dinner to discuss future cooperation between the two Institute. The close cooperation began in early 1990s with the first meeting of Wang Miaoyang, the former Director of the Institute, and George F. McLean, RVP President, during the World Congress of Philosophy in Brighton, England. Since then almost annual conferences have been held either in China or outside China. Many publications done by the scholars from the Institute were published by the RVP in its publication Series "Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change". Wang Miaoyang, Yu Xuanmeng, He Xirong, Shi Yongzhe, Fang Nangyu, Shang Zhiying, Zhu Fenghua, Zhang Wei, Wu Xiaoming, etc. from the Institute took part in the RVP annual Fall seminars.

**He Xirong**

An international conference is planned with the Institute in December 2014 in Shanghai.

Xian, P.R. China

Xian, P.R. China, December 2013: Yuan Zushe, Dean of Schools of Law and Politics and Marxism of Shanxi Normal University in Xian, organized a round table with Anthony Carroll, Holger Zaborawski and Hu Yeping, RVP representatives, with some professors and students from the Department of Philosophy to discuss philosophy and culture in the form of a conversation. Questions came from a number of students who were concerned about such contemporary challenges as ecology, social justice, commercial society, traditional values, technology and communication, future of young generation.

**Yuan Zushe****Shanxi Normal University, Xian**

The discussions also covered possibilities of future cooperation, such as conferences, publications, academic visits, etc. After the round table, the visitors were invited for a traditional dinner at a Moslem restaurant in Xian. There was a book exchange between the School and the RVP.

**A Traditional Dinner, Xian**

PUBLICATIONS

Seven Books Were Published and Two Books Reprinted in 2013 in the RVP Series: "Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change"

Series I. Culture and Values

- I.42 *Philosophy Emerging from Culture*. William Sweet, George F. McLean, Oliva Blanchette and Wonbin Park, eds. ISMB 9781565182851 (paper).

Series IVA. Eastern and Central European Philosophical Studies

- IVA.47 *Values of the Human Person: Contemporary Challenges: Romanian Philosophical Studies, VIII*. Mihaela Pop, ed. ISBN 9781565182806 (paper).

Series VII Seminars: Culture and Values

- VIII.30 *Human Nature: Stable and/or Changing?* John P. Hogan, ed. ISBN 9781565182813 (paper).
- VIII.31 *Reasoning in Faith: Cultural Foundations for Civil Society and Globalization*. Octave Kamwiziku Wozol, Sebastian Velassery and Jurate Baranova, eds. ISBN 9781565182868 (paper).
- VIII.32 *Building Community in a Mobile/Global Age: Migration and Hospitality*. John P. Hogan, Vensus A. George and Corazon T. Toralba, eds. ISBN 9781565182875.

Series VIII. Christian Philosophical Studies

- VIII.4 *Ethics and the Challenge of Secularism: Russian and Western Perspectives: Christian Philosophical Studies, VI*. David Bradshaw, ed. ISBN 9781565182806 (paper).
- VIII.5 *Freedom for Faith: Theological Hermeneutics of Discovery Based on George F. McLean's Philosophy of Culture: Christian Philosophical Studies, V*. John M. Staak. ISBN 9781565182837 (paper).

Reprint

Series I. Culture and Values

- I.35 *Karol Wojtyla's Philosophical Legacy*. Nancy Mardas Billias, Agnes B. Curry and George F. McLean, eds. ISMB 9781565182479 (paper).

Series IIID. South East Asian Philosophical Studies

- IIID.5 *The History of Buddhism in Vietnam: Vietnamese Philosophical Studies, I*. Nguyen Tai Thu, Hoang Thi Tho, Dinh Minh Chi, Ly Kim Hoa, Ha Thuc Minh, Ha Van Tan, eds. ISBN 1565180984 (paper).



RVP-NDU CENTER, LEBANON

Beirut, Lebanon

Beirut, Lebanon, 2013: RVP-NDU Center based at Notre Dame University-Louaize, Lebanon, conducted a number of projects and activities in 2013. The Center is led by Edward J. Alam, Director of RVP=NDU Center, along with Honorée Claris Eid, research assistant of the Center. Below is a list of activities:

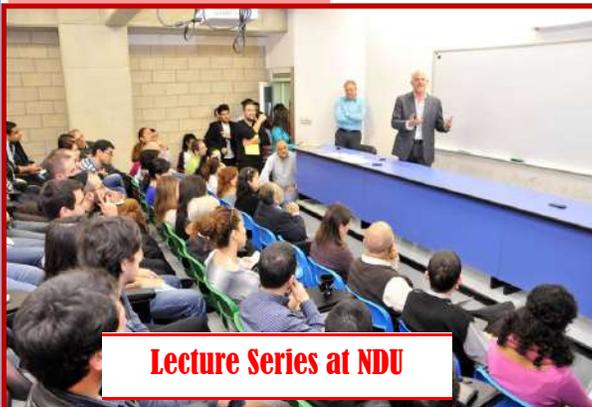


Fred Dallmayr & Edward Alam

- March 21, 2013: Fred R. Dallmayr, Professor Emeritus at the Faculty of Political Science, the University of Notre Dame (UND), visited the RVP-NDU Center and presented the paper "Religion and the World - The Quest for Justice and Peace." He also visited the NDU President during his visit.



Edward J. Alam & Honorée Claris Eid



Lecture Series at NDU

- "Faith and Science Lecture Series." March 13, 2013: Roger Hajjar, scientist, physicist, and astronomer, and Edward J. Alam, philosopher and theologian, gave the First Lecture in the "Faith & Science" lecture series at NDU titled "Stories of Creation: The Bible & The Big Bang." More than 70 students and faculty members attended the lecture. April 3, 2013: Richard Khouri, an engineer and expert in the Philosophy of Science from the Lebanese American University (LAU), gave the second lecture "Contemporary Science as Bridge between Matter and Spirit: The Opening up of 'Reason to the Imagination and Intellectual Intuition', and of 'Faith to Connectivity'."

May 22, 2013: Nader el-Bizri, an architect, philologist and modern philosopher and the Director of the Anis Makdisi Program in Literature at the American University of Beirut (AUB), gave the third lecture "Faith and Reason in Islamic Traditions: An Overview."

- March 25-26, 2013: Edward J. Alam took part in a meeting "Towards an Economy Serving Mankind." 500 Muslim and Christian business leaders from different backgrounds and cultures attended.

- May 1-14, 2013: Denise Milan, well-known Brazilian artist of Lebanese descent, visited and lectured.

- July, 2013: Edward J. Alam took part in a conference in Brazil.

- May 27, 2013 Robert Fisk, English journalist and author, visited and had a dialogue with Edward J. Alam on the "Nature of Freedom."

- October 29-November 3, 2013: the Center organized an international conference "Love and Forgiveness" (sponsored by the Fetzer Institute). Participants came from NDU and Lebanon as well as from Iran, Taiwan and USA. It was about the understanding of concept, its historical development, specific articulations, conditions and religious and cultural embodiment of love and forgiveness what is love, forgiveness.

- December 9-10, 2013: Edward J. Alam took part in a conference "Dialogue of Civilizations" in São Paulo, Brazil. The aims of the meeting is to reflect on the East and West in relation to the great schools of translation in a transnational translation movement.



Edward Alam & Denise Milan in Brazil



For detailed information visit the [link](#).



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To understand and appreciate the cultures and values that shape aspirations and motivate actions.

To understand one's own and other cultures and develop a positive yet critical appreciation thereof.

To build cooperation among peoples by providing horizons that heal deep tensions and promote peace and friendship on a global scale.

Objectives:

To mobilize research teams to study the nature, interpretation and development of cultures and to apply them to the challenges of contemporary change.

To publish and distribute the results of these efforts.

To organize extended seminars for deeper exploration of these issues and regional conferences for the coordination of this work.

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Regional meetings for mutual critique and planning by these teams, and periodic world conferences for exchange of results on a global level.

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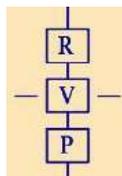
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