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The Second CIPSH International Academy on Chinese Cultures

and Global Humanities Seminar 6–7 December 2021

Global Challenges and Global Ethics in a time of Pandemic and Climate Change

Organized by the Union Académique Internationale (UAI) in collaboration with the Stockholm China Center at the Institute for Security and Development Policy (ISDP) in Stockholm



**Introduction**

On November 11–12 2020 the first CIPSH International Academy on Chinese Cultures and Global Humanities Seminar organized by the Union Académique Internationale (UAI) in collaboration with the Stockholm China Center at the Institute for Security and Development Policy (ISDP) in Stockholm, and the topic was “Chinese and European Resources for a Global Ethic”. As a sequel to this first seminar, a **second CIPSH International Academy on Chinese Cultures and Global Humanities Seminar will be held on December 6–7 2021** The topic of this second seminar will be **“Global Challenges and Global Ethics in a time of pandemic and climate change”**, and just like last time, the Stockholm China Center will provide the digital platform.

 Our time faces two major global challenges: climate change and the corona pandemic. Human induced climate change has been widely known since the 1990s. Global warming is no longer a future threat but has become an acute crisis, affecting the world through devastating storms, flooding and droughts. And the poorest nations are hit the worst. The corona pandemic has so far led to five million deceased and many more hospitalised. It has shaken economies and social institutions around the world. Both these global crises demand unified global responses and global solidarity. However, so far, the responses are far from what is needed, and states and regions are acting from self-interests and in conflict. This workshop explores the meaning and implications of global ethics in a time of climate change and pandemic. Scholars from different parts of the world and with different cultural backgrounds will present their views and engage in discussions. How can religious, cultural, and secular traditions be used as resources for reflexion and inspire decision-making? How can a global ethics contribute to resilience and hope?

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**2. Schedule**

**6 December**

9:15–9:30 Ping-Chen Hsiung, Luiz Oosterbeek and Torbjörn Lodén: Words of welcome

**Session 1**

Chair: Göran Collste

9:30-9:50 George Kodimattan: “Climate Change, Vanishing Himalayan Glaciers, and Global Ethical Concern.”

9:50-10:10 Giuseppe Di Capua: “Geoethics as global ethics to face global

anthropogenic Changes.”

10:10–10:30 Discussion

**Session 2**

Chair: Luiz Oosterbeek

10:30–10:50 Dixon Kanakulya: “COVID-19 and the Ethics of Human Security within Asymmetric Sino-East African Relations.”

10:50–11:10 Yonghui Ma 马永慧: “Ethical reflections on the ‘QR code dilemma’

of the elderly during the pandemic in China.”

11:10–11:30 Discussion

11:30–11:45 Coffee/Tea break

**Session 3**

Chair: Torbjörn Lodén

11:45–12:05 Frank Fu-Yuan Shih 石富元: “The Dilemma between Public Health versus Individual Rights Confronting COVID 19 in Taiwan.”

12:05–12:25 Tony Hsiu-Hsi Chen 陳秀熙: “COVID-19 pandemic for

Revelation of Health Humanities.”

12:25–12:45 Discussion

**7 December**

**Session 4**

Chair: Yonghui Ma 马永慧

9:30–9:50 Maosen Li 李茂森: “The Initiative Principle in Confucianism and Its

Implication in China’s Public Policy for the Pandemic and Climate Change.”

9:50–10:10 Soraj Hongladarom: “Thinking about Intercultural Ethics at the Time of the Global Pandemic.”

10:10–10:30 Discussion

10:30–10:45 Coffee/Tea break

**Session 5**

Chair: Torbjörn Lodén

10:45–11:05 Ping-Chen Hsiung 熊秉真: “Ambivalent Pleasure: Crickets in Chinese History.”

11:05–11.25 Luiz Oosterbeek: “Emerging Global Ethic? An assessment of

cultural responses to the Covid-19 pandemic.”

11:25–11:45 Göran Collste: “Where you live should not determine whether

you live. Global justice and the distribution of vaccines.”

11:45–12:30 Concluding discussion

**3. Participants**

Giuseppe Di Capua Geologist at the Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia (Rome, Italy). His fields of interest cover engineering geology, geoethics, and philosophy of geosciences. He is co-founding member and treasurer of the International Association for Promoting Geoethics (IAPG), member of the Executive Committee of the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH), member of the Publications Committee of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), He is author of the book “Geoetica” (Geoethics) for Donzelli Editore, Italy, and author of several articles and chapters on geoethics in international journals and books.

Tony Hsiu-Hsi Chen 陳秀熙 DistinguishedProfessor, Institute of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, College of Public Health, National  Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan Finnish Distinguished Professor (FIDIPRO), Academy of Finland), 2007-2009 Ph.D. in Biostatistics, Biostatistics Unit of Medical Research Council (MRC), Institute of Public Health,  Cambridge University, UK1995, Doctor of Dental Surgery in School of Dentistry, Taipei Medical University, 1986.

Göran Collste Professor emeritus in Applied Ethics at Linköping

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President of Societas Ethica (the European Society for

Research in Ethics) 2011-2015. Presently he is an

expert member of the Swedish National Council on

Medical Ethics.

Soraj Hongladarom Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Center for

Science, Technology, and Society at Chulalongkorn

University in Bangkok, Thailand. He has published

books and articles on bioethics,

computer ethics, and the roles that science and

technology play in the culture of developing countries.

His concern is mainly on how science and technology

can be integrated into the life-world of the people in

the so-called Third World countries, and what kind of

ethical considerations can be obtained from such

relation. He is the author of *The Ethics of AI and Robotics: A Buddhist Viewpoint*(Rowman and Littlefield), *The Online Self*(Springer), and *A Buddhist Theory of Privacy*(Springer). His articles have appeared in *The* *Information* *Society,* appeared in *The* *Information* *Society,* *AI* *&* *Society,* *Philosophy* *in* *the*

*Contemporary* *World,* and *Social* *Epistemology,* among others.

Ping-Chen Hsiung Secretary General, The International Council for

Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH) of UNESCO; CIPSH Chair in “New Humanities” at The University of California, Irvine. Professor Hsiung received her Ph.D. in History from Brown University and her S.M. in Population Studies and International Health from Harvard University. Her research interests lie in the areas of “Women’s and Children’s health”, “Public Health, Society, Technology and Medicine (STM)”, “Late Imperial and Modern China”, “Comparative Cultural and Social History” and “Gender Studies and Population”. Her works include *A Tender Voyage: Children and Childhood in Late Imperial China*, *Childhood in the Past: A History of Chinese Children* *and Ill or Well: Diseases and Health of Young Children in Late Imperial C*hina.

Dixon Kanakulya Lecturer in philosophy and applied ethics at Makerere

University. Mr Kanakulya has been involved in several collaborative research projects on the East African

region and has several publications and research

outputs in philosophy, ethics, governance, and

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George Kodimattan Associate Professor of Philosophy and the Head of the

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at

Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur India. He is an

applied ethicist and his research focuses on

sustainability, ethics and technology, bioethics, and

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Maosen Li Before Maosen Li came to work at the University of Helsinki in 2021, he has taught courses about Ethics at Renmin University of China for 25 years. His research interests lie in ethical theory, moral education and Confucian moral philosophy. He is also interested in Chinese philology and translation.

Torbjörn Lodén Professor emeritus of Chinese Language and Culture at

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Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities, which he represents at the UAI. As a delegate to the UAI, he is a member of the exectiuvie committee of CIPSH. Mr. Lodén is also Head of the China Center at the Institute for Security and Development Policy in Stockholm. In his research, he has mainly dealt with various aspects of China’s intellectual history.

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Luiz Oosterbeek Professor of Archaeology at the Polytechnic Institute of Tomar and holder of the UNESCO chair in Humanities and Cultural Integrated Landscape Management. His research focuses on the transition to food-producing economies in Portugal, Africa, and Southern America. He also researches heritage and landscape management and is currently President of the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences. Mr. Oosterbeek is the author of over 300 papers and 70 books, including“From Humankind towards Humanity, through epidemics and sociocultural cohesion” in Territori della Cultura 40, pp. 10-19, 2020.

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