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Sinology (Chinese Studies) explores the basis of the traditional spirit of the Chinese nation, which is also the ground on which contemporary Chinese individuals cultivate their personal ethical duties and good relations within a harmonious society. Our main aim is to enhance the Greater China Region's (Hong Kong – Macau – Beijing – Dunhuang) function as a Sinological exchange platform and transform it into a cultural forum for Sinologists around the world.

The Sinological Development Charitable Foundation was established by Dr. Elizabeth Woo Li to promote the study of Chinese Culture as an important part of a rising global civilization.

The Greater China Summer Workshop Program in Chinese Studies aims at introducing Chinese studies to scholars and key opinion leaders from around the world who are in disciplines other than Sinology.







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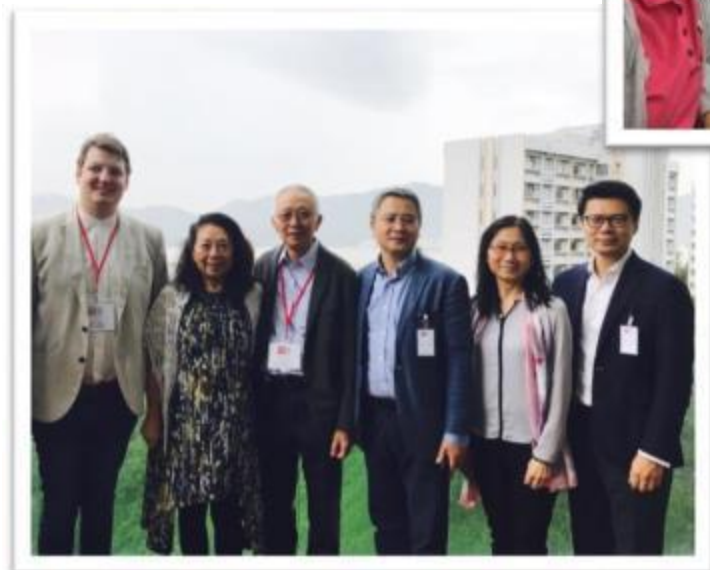
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## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM LOCATIONS

### Hong Kong

The beginning of the program will take place in Hong Kong, the city with the largest number of English speaking scholars in Chinese Studies. The Program will take place at Chung Chi College of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), a key supporting partner to this Program. CUHK is a public research university in Shatin, Hong Kong, formally established in 1963 by a charter granted by the Legislative Council of Hong Kong.





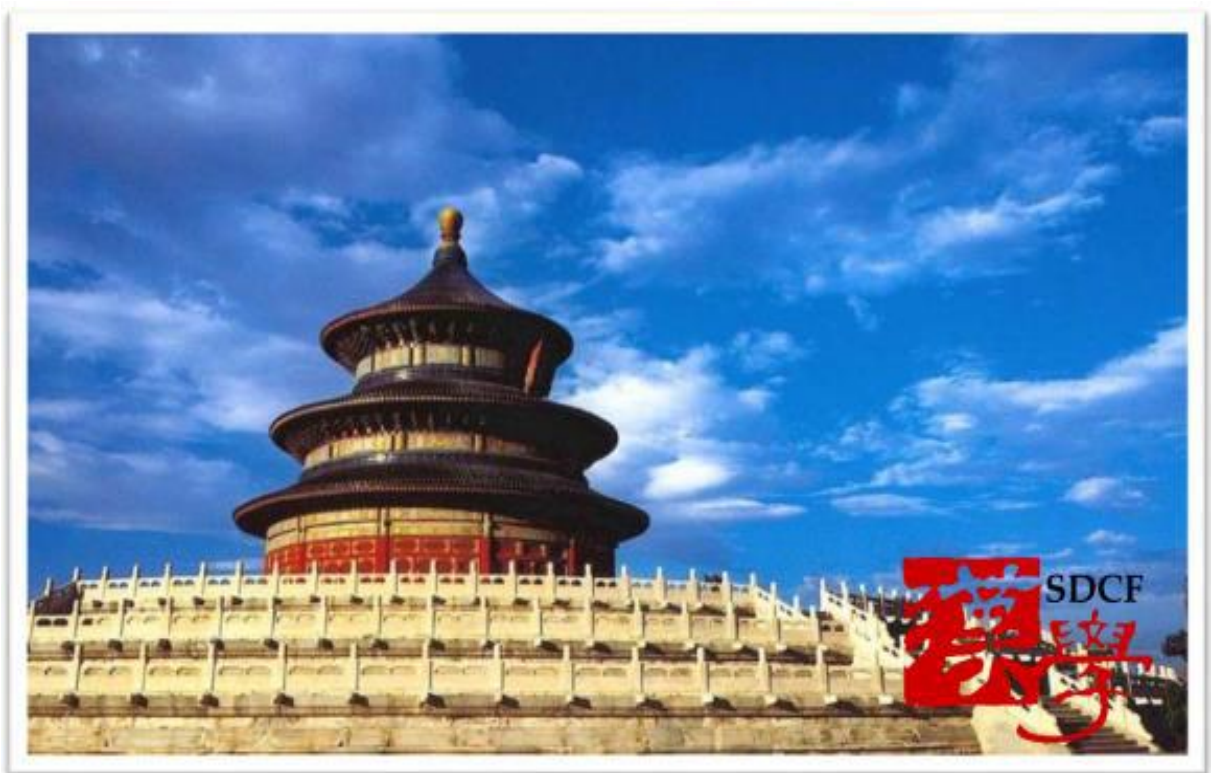


## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM LOCATIONS

### Beijing

The third part of the program will be held at Peking University in Beijing, the capital of China. The responses to the challenges of Taoism and various other religious influences will be introduced.

Peking University is a major Chinese research university and a member of the C9 League. It was founded in 1898 as a replacement of the ancient Taixue or Guozijian (Imperial Academy).







## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM LOCATIONS

### Dunhuang

Dunhuang, a desert city in Gansu Province, occupied a pivotal position between East and West along the Silk Road. Dunhuang was added as a new location after the success of “Dunhuang: Meeting Point of Cultural Exchange Along the Silk Road”, SDCF joint session with the China Academy of Translation (CATL) at the XXIV World Congress of Philosophy in Beijing (15 August 2018). SDCF and CATL agreed to further explore the rich cultural heritage of Dunhuang by holding a second international bilingual (English-Chinese) conference on the topic.





## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

|                                   | 12 July, 2019  | 13 July, 2019  | 14 July, 2019   |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|
|                                   | Friday   | Saturday   | Sunday  |
| Location                          | Hong Kong  | Hong Kong  | Hong Kong   |
| Morning<br>9:30 am –<br>11:30 am  | Arrival in<br>Hong Kong  | CUHK and Program<br>Orientation  | Program Academic<br>Orientation   |
| Afternoon<br>1:30 pm –<br>5:30 pm | Settling In<br>Chung Chi College,<br>CUHK  | Introduction:<br><br><b>An Overview of<br/>Chinese Civilization</b><br><br><i>Prof. Chen Zhi</i> | <b>The Book of Change:</b><br>Core Foundation of<br>Chinese Civilization<br><br><i>Prof. Richard Ho</i>                   |
| Evening                           |  | Individual Research  | Group Dinner  |
|                                   | 15 July, 2019  | 16 July, 2019  | 17 July, 2019   |
|                                   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   |
| Location                          | Hong Kong  | Hong Kong  | Hong Kong   |
| Morning<br>9:30 am –<br>1:30 pm   | The Confucian Four<br>Books: <b>The Analects</b><br><br><i>Prof. Ruiping Fan</i> | The Confucian<br>Four Books:<br><b>The Mencius</b><br><br><i>Prof. Waiwai Chiu</i>               | The Confucian Four<br>Books: <b>The Great<br/>Learning, The<br/>Doctrine of the<br/>Mean</b><br><i>Prof. Dennis Cheng</i> |
| Afternoon<br>2:30 pm –<br>4:30 pm | Group Workshop   | Group Workshop   | Group Workshop  |
|                                   |  |  |   |
| Evening                           | Individual Research  | Individual Research  | Individual Research   |



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

|                                | 18 July, 2019  | 19 July, 2019  | 20 July, 2019  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                                | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
| Location                       | Hong Kong  | Hong Kong  | Hong Kong  |
| Morning<br>9:30 am – 1:30 pm   | Non-Orthodox Confucianism:<br><b>The Xunzi</b><br><i>Prof. Siufu Tang</i>                        | Other Classical Philosophical Schools<br>I & II:<br><b>Mohism and Logicians</b><br><i>Prof. Eirik Harris</i> | Other Classical Philosophical Schools<br>III & IV:<br><b>Legalism and The Military School</b><br><i>Prof. Eirik Harris</i> |
| Afternoon<br>2:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Group Workshop   | Group Workshop   | Group Workshop   |
|                                |  |  |  |
| Evening                        | Individual Research  | Welcome Reception  | Individual Research  |
|                                | 21 July, 2019  | 22 July, 2019  | 23 July, 2019  |
|                                | Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  |
| Location                       | Hong Kong  | Macau  | Hong Kong  |
| Morning<br>9:30 am – 1:30 pm   | Confucianism in Post-Classical Period (Qin, Han and Tang Dynasties)<br><i>Prof. Fung Shu Fun</i> | Depart for Macau<br>10:00 am – 12:00 pm<br>Lecture in Macau  | Neo-Confucianism I:<br><b>The Cheng Brothers</b><br><i>Dr. Roni Leung</i>  |
| Afternoon<br>2:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Group Workshop   | Group Lunch  | Group Workshop   |
|                                |  | Study Visit in Macau   |  |
| Evening                        | Individual Research  | Back to Hong Kong  | Individual Research  |



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

|                                   | 24 July, 2019  | 25 July, 2019   | 26 July, 2019   |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|
|                                   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  |
| Location                          | Hong Kong  | Hong Kong   | Hong Kong   |
| Morning<br>9:30 am –<br>1:30 pm   | Neo-Confucianism II:<br><b>Zhu Xi</b><br><br><i>Dr. Roni Leung</i>                                       | Neo-Confucianism III:<br><b>Wang Yangming</b><br><br><i>Dr. Roni Leung</i>  | Contemporary<br>Confucian Studies I:<br><b>Pre-1949<br/>Development</b><br><br><i>Prof. Hon Tz'e-ki</i> |
| Afternoon<br>2:30 pm –<br>4:30 pm | Group Workshop   | Group Workshop  | Group Workshop  |
|                                   |  |   |   |
| Evening                           | Individual Research  | Individual Research   | Individual Research   |
|                                   | 27 July, 2019  | 28 July, 2019   | 29 July, 2019   |
|                                   | Saturday   | Sunday  | Monday  |
| Location                          | Hong Kong  | Hong Kong   | Hong Kong   |
| Morning<br>9:30 am –<br>1:30 pm   | Contemporary Confucian<br>Studies II:<br><b>Taiwan and<br/>Hong Kong</b><br><br><i>Prof. Hon Tz'e-ki</i> | Contemporary<br>Confucian Studies III:<br><b>Recent Development<br/>in the Mainland</b><br><br><i>Prof. Ruiping Fan</i> | Chinese Buddhism<br>I<br><br><i>Prof. Ellen Zhang</i>   |
| Afternoon<br>2:30 pm –<br>4:30 pm | Group Workshop   | Group Workshop  | Group Workshop  |
|                                   |  |   |   |
| Evening                           | Individual Research  | Individual Research   | Individual Research   |





## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

|                                | 30 July, 2019  | 31 July, 2019   | 1 August, 2019                    |
|--------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
|                                | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday                          |
| Location                       | Hong Kong  | Hong Kong   | Hong Kong / Beijing               |
| Morning<br>9:30 am – 1:30 pm   | Chinese Buddhism II<br><i>Prof. Ellen Zhang</i>          | Chinese Buddhism III<br><i>Prof. Ellen Zhang</i>                                | Depart for Beijing                |
| Afternoon<br>2:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Group Workshop   | 2:00-5:00 pm<br>Visit to Tsz Shan Monastery<br><br>Buddhist meditation workshop | Settling in Beijing               |
| Evening                        | Individual Research                                      | Individual Research   | Individual Research               |
|                                | 2 August, 2019   | 3 August, 2019  | 4 August, 2019                    |
|                                | Friday   | Saturday  | Sunday                            |
| Location                       | Beijing  | Beijing   | Beijing                           |
| Morning<br>9:30 am – 12:30 pm  | 9:30 – 11:30 am<br>Visit to China Academy of Translation | Daoist Philosophy II<br><i>Prof. Dennis Schilling</i>                           | Project Presentation & Assessment |
| Afternoon<br>1:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Daoist Philosophy I<br><i>Prof. Dennis Schilling</i>     | Daoist Practice (Taijiquan)   | Group Lunch<br><br>Free Afternoon |
| Evening                        | Individual Research                                      | Individual Research   | Individual Research               |



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

|                                | 5 August, 2019      | 6 August, 2019                                     | 7 August, 2019                                    |   |                      |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|---|----------------------|
|                                | Monday              | Tuesday  | Wednesday   |   |                      |
| Location                       | Beijing / Dunhuang  | Dunhuang   | Dunhuang  |   |                      |
| Morning<br>9:30 am – 12:30 pm  | Depart for Dunhuang | Half-day visit to Western Thousand Buddha Caves    | Dunhuang Conference Cultural Awareness Activities |   |                      |
| Afternoon<br>1:30 pm – 4:30 pm |                     |  |   | Dunhuang Conference Registration                | Visit to Mogao Caves |
| Evening                        |                     |  |   |   |                      |
|                                | 8 August, 2019      | 9 August, 2019                                     | 10 August, 2019                                   |   |                      |
|                                | Thursday            | Friday   | Saturday  |   |                      |
| Location                       | Dunhuang            | Dunhuang   | Dunhuang  |   |                      |
| Morning<br>9:30 am – 12:30 pm  | Dunhuang Conference | 9:30 am – 2:00 pm Closing Ceremony and Group Lunch | Depart Dunhuang                                   |   |                      |
| Afternoon<br>1:30 pm – 4:30 pm |                     |  |   | Visit to Dunhuang Museum and White Horse Pagoda |                      |
| Evening                        |                     |  |   |   |                      |



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM LECTURERS

| Name                     | Title  | Lecture  |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| CHEN Zhi                 | Chair Professor, Acting Dean, Faculty of Arts, Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU)       | Introduction: An Overview of Chinese Civilization                                |
| Richard HO Man-Wui       | Honorary Professor, Department of Chinese Language and Literature, Faculty of Arts, CUHK | The Book of Change: Core Foundation of Chinese Civilization                      |
| FAN Ruiping              | Chair Professor, Department of Public and Social Administration, City University of HK   | The Confucian Four Books: The Analects   |
| CHIU Waiwai              | Assistant Professor Department of Philosophy, Lingnan University                         | The Confucian Four Books: The Mencius  |
| CHENG Kat Hung<br>Dennis | Chair Professor, Cultural History, Department of Literature and Cultural Studies         | The Confucian Four Books: The Great Learning, The Doctrine of the Mean           |
| TANG Siufu               | Associate Professor, School of Chinese, Faculty of Arts                                  | Non-Orthodox Confucianism: The Xunzi   |
| Eirik Lang HARRIS        | Associate Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, HKBU                         | Other Classical Philosophical Schools I & II: Mohism and Logicians               |
| Eirik Lang HARRIS        | Associate Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, HKBU                         | Other Classical Philosophical Schools III & IV: Legalism and The Military School |
| FUNG Shu Fun             | Associate Professor, Department of Literature and Cultural Studies, EdUHK                | Confucianism in Post-Classical Period (Qin, Han and Tang Dynasties)              |
| Roni LEUNG               | Post-doctoral Fellow, Sun Yat-sun University   | Neo-Confucianism I: The Cheng Brothers   |
| Roni LEUNG               | Post-doctoral Fellow, Sun Yat-sun University   | Neo-Confucianism II: Zhu Xi  |
| Roni LEUNG               | Post-doctoral Fellow, Sun Yat-sun University   | Neo-Confucianism III: Wang Yangming  |



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM LECTURERS

| Name             | Title  | Lecture  |
|------------------|--|--|
| HON Tze-ki       | Professor, Department of Chinese and History, City University of Hong Kong             | Contemporary Confucian Studies I: Pre-1949 Development                 |
| HON Tze-ki       | Professor, Department of Chinese and History, City University of Hong Kong             | Contemporary Confucian Studies II: Taiwan and Hong Kong                |
| FAN Ruiping      | Chair Professor, Department of Public and Social Administration, City University of HK | Contemporary Confucian Studies III: Recent Development in the Mainland |
| ZHANG Ying Ellen | Associate Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, HKBU                       | Chinese Buddhism I   |
| ZHANG Ying Ellen | Associate Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, HKBU                       | Chinese Buddhism II  |
| ZHANG Ying Ellen | Associate Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, HKBU                       | Chinese Buddhism III   |
| Dennis SCHILLING | Professor, School of Philosophy, Renmin University                                     | Daoist Philosophy I  |
| Dennis SCHILLING | Professor, School of Philosophy, Renmin University                                     | Daoist Philosophy II   |





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| Name               | Title   |
|--------------------|---|
| CHAN W.H. Charles  | Associate Professor, Adjunct Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies, Peking University                              |
| CHONG Kim-Chong    | Professor Emeritus, Division of Humanities, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  |
| Wim DE REU         | Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, National Taiwan University   |
| FANG Xudong        | Associate Professor, Department of Literature and Cultural Studies, The Education University of Hong Kong                               |
| FUNG Yiu Ming      | Professor Emeritus, Division of Humanities, School of Humanities and Social Science, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology |
| Hans-Rudolf KANTOR | Chair Professor, Graduate Institute of Asian Humanities, Huaan University   |
| KU Cheng-mei       | Research Fellow, Research Centre for Chinese Philosophy and Culture, The Chinese University of Hong Kong                                |
| LO Ping Cheung     | Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University  |
| NG Kai Chiu        | Professor, Department of Philosophy, The Chinese University of Hong Kong  |
| SHAN Chun          | Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Law, The China University of Political Science and Law   |
| WEN Haiming        | Professor, School of Philosophy, Renmin University of China   |
| XU Jie             | Professor, Associate Dean of Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Macau  |
| YU Kam Por         | Professor, Department of Philosophy, East China Normal University   |
| LIU Xiaogan        | Professor, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, CUHK  |
| Matt ORSBORN       | Associate Professor, Fo Guang University  |
| Kam Wing FUNG      | Professor, School of Chinese, The University of Hong Kong   |



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

**Dr. Oleg KOCHEROV 奥冽哥博士**

*[Academic Officer]*

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- Russia

**Occupation:**

- Junior Research Fellow,  
Department of Eastern  
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Academy of Sciences,  
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**Academic interests:**

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- Chinese political philosophy  
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- International relations and  
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- Ethics of war

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**Degrees obtained:**

- Ph.D. in International  
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## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

**Richa GARG 瑞嘉**

*[Project Intern]*

**Country of origin:**

- India

**Occupation:**

- Postgraduate student, Wang Yanan Institute for Studies in Economics, Xiamen University

**Academic interests:**

- India-China interactions;
- Buddhism

**Degrees obtained:**

- M.A. in Chinese Philosophy, Fudan University, Shanghai



With the growing interest in India-China interactions and divergences my aspiration is to acquire as much knowledge of Chinese thought, while immersing myself in it. The fourth greater China summer workshop program organised by Sinological Development Charitable Foundation (SDCF) seems to be perfect in this regard. I am attending this workshop as an intern to assist the Academic officers throughout the program. By attending the organised lectures; not only would I be able to enrich my understanding of Chinese Philosophy and culture, but as an intern I could also utilise my acquired skills to gain some China related practical experiences.



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

**Peter SMITH 宋世道**

*[Project Officer Intern]*

**Country of origin:**

- United Kingdom

**Occupation:**

- Undergraduate student, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK

**Academic interests:**

- Classical Chinese language and thought;
- Daoism;
- Buddhism.

**Degrees obtained:**

- B.A. in Chinese, (Modern and Classical), SOAS, University of London, UK (final year)



I am attending this program as an intern with the aim to support this valuable program of study and further my own research interests. I have made a number of visits to China to explore Chinese culture and especially the Daoist and Buddhist traditions. Four years of undergraduate study in Chinese language, thought and religion have deepened these interests. In particular, I have studied aspects of classical Daoist thought and the development of Daoist and Buddhist traditions of the early medieval period. I hope to learn more about these topics and develop my understanding of Confucian thought, with which I am less familiar. I believe the SDCF Greater China Summer Program will be a great opportunity to discuss these interests with more established academics and will help me to pursue opportunities for further research.





## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

### Lea CANTOR 李娅

**Country of origin:**

- United States, Belgium

**Occupation:**

- Doctoral Student in Philosophy,  
University of Oxford

**Academic interests:**

- Early Greek philosophy;
- Classical Chinese philosophy;
- Comparative methodology;
- Responses to Parmenides and Heraclitus in later Greek philosophy;
- Receptions of early Greek and Daoist texts in European philosophy



**Degrees obtained:**

- M.A. in Ancient Philosophy,  
University of Oxford;
- B.A. in Philosophy, University of  
Cambridge

The Sinological Development Charitable Foundation's 2019 Greater China Summer Workshop Program is specifically tailored to students in disciplines other than Chinese Studies looking to consolidate their knowledge of Chinese philosophy. As a doctoral student in Philosophy working on both Greek and Chinese philosophy, but without a formal background in Sinology, it strikes me that the kind of training offered by the program is ideally suited to my academic aspirations. My longstanding commitment to promoting fruitful dialogue between Sinologists and philosophers is another central reason for my interest in this program. My hope is that the workshop format and comprehensive course structure will equip me with the necessary resources to take up novel teaching opportunities, ranging from mentoring philosophy students with little or no background in Chinese Studies in their initial encounters with Chinese philosophy to introducing Chinese Studies majors to the versatility of Chinese thought.



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

### Oleksandra DANYLCHENKO 桑德拉

**Country of origin:**

- Ukraine

**Occupation:**

- Research assistant, Ukrainian Association of International Law

**Academic interests:**

- Public international law;
- International legal support for foreign policy of the state;
- Diplomacy;
- Oriental studies;
- Sinology;
- Chinese language

**Degrees obtained:**

- M.A. in International Law, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv;
- B.A. in International Law, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv



I expect that during the Program I will study China, know China and consequently make China known to more people. Meetings and contacts with leading specialists in philosophy and religious studies will allow me to concentrate my attention on the further continuation of my research.

Practically, I would like to use my experience from participating in the Program in the following aspects: writing articles and pursue my postgraduate studies connected with Chinese doctrine of international law, participation in China-related conferences, improving the Ukrainian Association of Sinologists activity etc.



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

### Dr. Edmond EH

**Country of origin:**

- Singapore

**Occupation:**

- Assistant Professor, Faculty of Religious Studies, University of Saint Joseph, Macau

**Academic interests:**

- Comparative philosophy;
- Virtue epistemology

**Degrees obtained:**

- Ph.D. in Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Macau, Macau



My primary research interests in philosophy mainly involve the Aristotelian and Confucian traditions. This summer workshop is a good opportunity to deepen my understanding of Daoism and Chinese Buddhism. I expect to improve my ability to teach Chinese philosophy and to present philosophy in a comparative manner. Attending lectures at the renowned Chinese University of Hong Kong and the venerable Peking University will surely provide new insights and impetus for further research in Chinese and comparative philosophy.



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

**Dr. Sylvester ITANRIN**

[waiting for Visa]

**Country of origin:**

- Nigeria

**Occupation:**

- Lecturing/Teaching and Research at Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, Ondo State, Nigeria

**Academic interests:**

- Chinese civilization and philosophy;
- Oriental philosophy;
- African aesthetics;
- Metaphysics;
- Environmental ethics



**Degrees obtained:**

- Ph.D. in Philosophy, Ado-Ekiti;
- M.A. in Philosophy, Lagos;
- B.A. in Philosophy, Ado-Ekiti

I have been teaching Oriental Philosophy and Sino-African relations to our undergraduate and postgraduate students for over a decade.

My interest is further hinged on a book publication on Chinese Philosophy which I am currently undertaking. My participation at this workshop would enable me to acquire current ideas and materials relevant for Contemporary Vs Ancient Chinese Civilization and Philosophical reflections.

I also look forward to interact with the Great minds and Intellects that have conceived the founding of SDCF – Sinological Development Charitable Foundation under the wonderful leadership of Dr. Elizabeth Woo Li.





## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

### Wilson LEE

**Country of origin:**

- Singapore

**Occupation:**

- PhD candidate, University of Edinburgh, UK

**Academic interests:**

- Social philosophy;
- Ethics;
- Comparative philosophy;
- Classical Chinese philosophy;
- History of Western philosophy

**Degrees obtained:**

- M.A. in Philosophy, National University of Singapore;
- B.A. in Philosophy, National University of Singapore



Although I have some familiarity with anglophone approaches to Warring States philosophy, I hope to expand my current picture of the larger socio-historical, geopolitical, and intellectual contexts of the debates. Specifically, I am interested in enriching my appreciation of pre-Qin texts that are otherwise neglected in anglophone circles (e.g. Yijing and Daxue) and in the directions of intellectual development through later historical periods. This would also be absolutely valuable for refining not only my secondary research in comparative philosophy but also teaching duties, as a current teaching fellow for an introductory course on Chinese philosophy with the Centre for Open Learning at the University of Edinburgh.



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

### Prof. Ester Maria Soledad MAYANSKY

**Country of origin:**

- Argentina

**Occupation:**

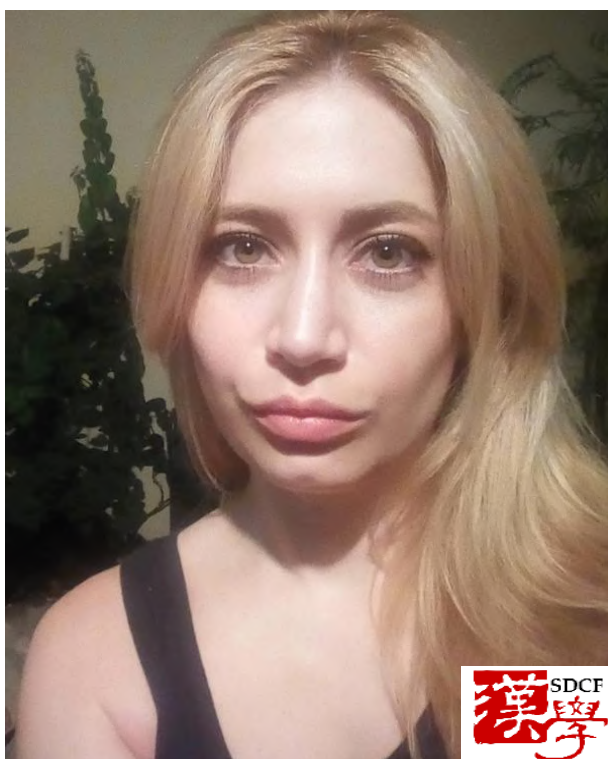
- Consultant in international cooperation and foreign trade and researcher, Argentina

**Academic interests:**

- Chinese culture;
- Chinese philosophy;
- Chinese economy and politics

**Degrees obtained:**

- Licentiate in Oriental Studies, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Salvador



I always had a great admiration for the millenarian Chinese culture and its traditions, that's why I decided to study Oriental Studies. During my university studies I had Chinese Literature, Philosophy, History and Economics, and my passion for China makes me want to continue my experiences in China to expand my knowledge and serve as a nexus between Argentina and the Popular Republic of China in my work, as well as a researcher.

I am analyzing the potential of the economic cooperation between both countries (including the One Belt One Road subject) and China's cultural wealth and heritage (including the values of Confucianism on social and business dynamics).

I believe fervently that there is a great potential for joint work not exploited and my personal goal is to work to improve this situation and I know that cultural and philosophical knowledge are the fundamental stone to reach mutual understanding.



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

### Kate NAVE

**Country of origin:**

- United Kingdom

**Occupation:**

- PhD student in Philosophy of Cognitive Science, University of Edinburgh, UK

**Academic interests:**

- Cognitive science;
- Consciousness;
- Predictive processing;
- Phenomenology;
- Enactivism

**Degrees obtained:**

- M.A. in Mind Language and Embodied Cognition, University of Edinburgh, UK
- B.A. in Philosophy, King's College London, UK



I decided to attend this programme because I am interested in learning more about the links between Phenomenology and Buddhist philosophy, particularly the wei shi school, and also to explore how the Daoist emphasis on skilled embodied practice anticipates the later focus on skilled coping developed in enactivist philosophy of mind.

By taking part I hope to gain a broader understanding of the history of philosophy, as it has developed around the world. This Summer School will hopefully help remedy the narrow focus of my philosophical education to date, which, prior to my PhD, was almost exclusively been concerned with the Western canon.



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

**Chinenye Loyce OKOYE 区天艺** [waiting for Visa]

**Country of origin:**

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**Occupation:**

- Lecturer, Department of Linguistics and Department of Chinese Studies, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka. Anambra State

**Academic interests:**

- Chinese studies;
- Sociolinguistics;
- Cognitive linguistics;
- Comparative linguistics;
- Semantics.

**Degrees obtained:**

- M.A. in Linguistics, University of Jos, Nigeria;
- B.A. in Linguistics, University of Jos, Nigeria



Some of the benefits expected from my participation in the training program include:

- It will help me to acquire the knowledge for an in-depth research in Chinese studies.
- It will enable me to acquire the ability to develop research skills and methodology, and improve my developing a research proposal.
- It could help in integrating the knowledge into the existing syllabus in the department of Chinese studies in my university.
- It could help me develop greater skills in intercultural understanding, communication teamwork, independent research and leadership.
- It could give me a special knowledge of society, culture, politics and economics of the Chinese-speaking world.
- It will help in shaping my understanding of comparative study of African and Chinese Studies which in turn would benefit the students.





## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

### Robert PARKER

**Country of origin:**

- Ireland

**Occupation:**

- PhD Student & Senior Tutor,  
University College Cork, Ireland

**Academic interests:**

- Analytic philosophy;
- Phenomenology;
- Idea of the self

**Degrees obtained:**

- M.A. in Philosophy, University  
College Cork, Ireland
- B.A. in Philosophy, University  
College Cork, Ireland
- B.A. in Business Studies, Trinity  
College Dublin, Ireland



My main academic interest is in the intersection between analytic philosophy and phenomenology especially in respect to the self and science. My focus is on the significance of each individual self as the source of all knowledge. In my PhD dissertation I have two comparative sections in which I consider how the basic idea of the self as the source of our first-person perspective is not necessarily inconsistent with Buddhist no-self views and the Confucian relational person idea. I look forward to exploring this further at the SDCF summer program.

More generally I hope to get a fuller understanding of the different aspects of Chinese philosophy, and how they fit together in contemporary Chinese culture. I'm looking forward to travelling to the different locations of the program as a student rather than a tourist.



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

### Maria POSPELOVA 彭玛嘉

**Country of origin:**

- Russia

**Occupation:**

- PhD Student & Chinese Teacher,  
Institute for Asian and African  
Studies, Moscow State  
University, Russia

**Academic interests:**

- Contemporary Chinese literature;
- Prose poetry;
- Chinese Philosophy

**Degrees obtained:**

- M.A. in Asian Studies, Institute  
for Asian and African studies,  
Moscow State University, Russia



I believe the Program might help me find that secret passageway to let me, as Wang Zhihuan once put it, "ascend another storey". I have always enjoyed studying sinology, as to me it seems to be some kind of an endless ocean full of riddles and obscurities, majestic though intricate enough to be a headache for unprepared ones. As I have already spent 10 years being a sinologist I think it's time to step forward and push my studies to a higher level, and I believe SDCF Greater China Summer Workshop Program is the best chance I could have ever be given.



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

### Dr. Alireza SAYADMANSOUR

**Country of origin:**

- Iran

**Occupation:**

- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Theoretical Studies, Women and Family Research Centre, Iran

**Academic interests:**

- French phenomenology;
- Ethics;
- Philosophy of gender

**Degrees obtained:**

- PhD in Philosophy, University of Tehran, Iran;
- MA in Philosophy, University of Tehran, Iran;
- BA in Islamic Philosophy and Mysticism, Islamic Mazahab University, Iran



My primary research interests extend intertwinedly from French phenomenology and ethics to philosophy of gender. My common objectives of participating in the SDCF's summer workshop programme are to a) acquire a better and in-context knowledge of Chinese intellectual potential for equilibrium and peacefulness in the eastern style of life; b) become acquainted with Chinese scholars' ways and methods of juxtaposing contemporary debates on humanities and the classic heritage inherited from ancient China in order to find the most efficient problem-solving processes; and c) better understand how (Neo-)Confucianism can somehow keep and/or support the interwovenness of religion, philosophy (or wisdom, broadly construed), art and science in its problem-solving methods. My particular objective is to discuss and then find any potential ways toward which Chinese cultural heritage can guide me so as to approach and solve family and gender issues in a comparative way (esp. in comparison with Shia Islamic teachings).



## 2020 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



### **Gedion JALATA**

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**Occupation:**

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- CEO of Center of Excellence International Consult, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



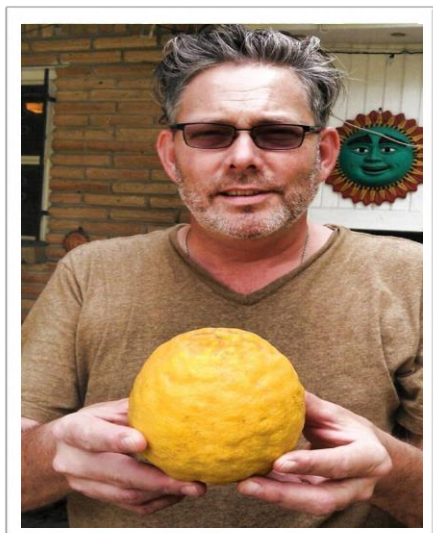
### **Daud KADYROV**

**Country of origin:**

- Russia

**Occupation:**

- PhD student, Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia



### **Dr. Stephen LEACH**

**Country of origin:**

- United States

**Occupation:**

- Associate Professor, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, United States





# 2018 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

## Caroline PIRES TING 丁小雨

### Country of origin:

- Brazil

### Occupation:

- Lecturer in Art History in the Arts Institute of the State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- PhD candidate in Art History and Criticism at the State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Former research fellow of the Royal Portuguese Library in Rio de Janeiro, and the International Institute of Macau
- PhD student in Culture Studies at the Lisbon Consortium of the Catholic University of Portugal

### Academic interests:

- Chinese art history
- Chinese aesthetics
- Collections of Chinese art in Macau

### Book Publication:

- "Collecting Eastern art as a cultural interaction between China, Macau and Portugal" ("Colecionismo orientalista como resultado de um processo de interação cultural entre China, Macau e Portugal"), Edited by Instituto Internacional de Macau, Lisboa\_Colecionismo Oriental\_Coleção Mosaico\_XLV\_2018.

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SDCF Summer Program Participant in 2017



### Degrees obtained:

- M.A. in Arts, Aesthetics and Comparative Literature, Université Paris-Diderot, France
- B.A. in Art History and Archaeology, Université Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne, France

## Dr. Urbano RODRIGUES

### Country of origin:

- India

### Occupation:

- Lecturer in Asian Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Fairfield University, CT, USA

### Academic interests:

- Epistemology
- Philosophy of Mind
- Asian Traditions

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SDCF Summer Program Participant in 2016



### Degrees obtained:

- Ph.D. in Philosophy, Madras University, India
- B.A. in Political Science, Economics, Nagpur University, India

## Venerable Sakda HEMTHEP 釋聖達

### Country of origin:

- Thailand

### Occupation:

- PhD candidate in Buddhist Studies, Ghent University, Belgium

### Academic interests:

- Indian and Chinese Buddhist Monasticism
- Buddhist Thoughts in Early Buddhism
- Buddhist Literatures (Pali/Sanskrit/Chinese)

### Degrees obtained:

- MPhil in Religious Studies, Cardiff University, UK
- MA in Buddhist Studies, University of Sunderland, UK
- BB in Buddhist Studies, Dhammakāya Institute, Thailand



## Dr. Rémy Auguste François JARRY 賀一凡

### Country of origin:

- France

### Occupation:

- Lecturer in Art History, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

### Academic interests:

- Death in Chinese thought
- Chinese funerary culture
- Chan Buddhism in modern and contemporary art

### Degrees obtained:

- PhD in Chinese Art History, China Academy of Art 中国美术学院, Hangzhou, China
- MA in Art History, Sorbonne University, Paris, France
- MA in Journalism, Sorbonne University, Paris, France



I am a PhD research student at the Ghent Centre for Buddhist Studies (GCBS), Ghent University, Belgium. My current research focuses on Pali and Chinese Buddhist texts related to the concept of Karma and repentance. I am looking forward to attending this Great China Summer Workshop Program. China is renowned the world over for the cradle of ancient civilisation with a great diversity of religious beliefs. For this reason, I strongly believe that participating in this Program would provide me in-depth understanding of Chinese philosophy, history and culture. I also expect to use this experience of studying in China to enhance my research capability and develop academic leadership qualities for my future research work.

My main expectations for the SDCF Summer Program In Chinese Studies is threefold:

- 1) better articulating the fragmented knowledge that I have accumulated in Chinese Studies over the last 7 years in Greater China;
- 2) emancipating from Western-centric bias in conducting research and teaching;
- 3) upgrading my current research projects during the workshops, while interacting with the eminent Professors involved in the program and my classmates.





## 2018 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

### Vladislav KRUGLOV 佛辣德

**Country of origin:**

- Russia

**Occupation:**

- Head of the Chinese Language Department of the Center of Pedagogical Proficiency, MGIMO University, Moscow, Russia
- Chief Coach of the Moscow National Team for the All-Russian Chinese Language Olympiad

**Academic interests:**

- Philosophy of China
- Greater China
- Linguistics (Chinese Language)
- Lexicology of the Chinese language

**Degrees obtained:**

- Bachelor's degree in International Relations (Chinese Studies), MGIMO University, Moscow, Russia



I graduated from MGIMO University, Moscow with my bachelor's degree in International relations (Chinese studies). My research is related to geopolitical aspects of the concept "Greater China". I will integrate learning results, that I will get during the 3rd program "Greater China", into my teaching curriculum and research. While studying at the University, I participated in different seminars and conferences (Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Kazan, Irkutsk, Blagoveshchensk, Erevan, Budapest, Sofia, Beijing etc.) related to Chinese politics and economics, also I have written more than 20 articles and scientific works about China. Moreover, for each of the previous six years, I have visited China to further my study of its language, culture, philosophy, politics and economics. My decision to apply for the 3rd program in Chinese Studies "2018 Greater China" is underscored by my desire to know more about Chinese philosophy and religion. I am sure that overall opportunity to participate in this program will broaden my horizons and give me a chance to enhance my research.

### Lucas LEITÃO SILVEIRA

**Country of origin:**

- Brazil

**Occupation:**

- PhD candidate in Philosophy, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Academic interests:**

- Kantian Philosophy
- Metaphysics
- History of philosophy

**Degrees obtained:**

- MA Philosophy, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- AB Philosophy, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



I've been studying philosophy for more than a decade, but I never had the opportunity to take a full course on Chinese philosophy, since the philosophy department of my university, as in most of the philosophy departments in the West, focus exclusively on the Anglo-European canon. I'm confident though that engaging in all the lectures, classes and tasks of the SDCF Workshop will help me establish a solid foundation in the field of Chinese philosophy, and allow me to build up my studies in this field for years to come.

### Rose Muthoni MUHORO 木心

**Country of origin:**

- Kenya

**Occupation:**

- Assistant manager, Tax Education Unit, Department of Marketing & Communication, Kenya Revenue Authority, Nairobi, Kenya
- Postgraduate Student in Postgraduate Diploma in Customs Administration, Kenya School of Revenue Administration, Nairobi Campus, Kenya

**Academic interests:**

- International Relations
- Art & Culture
- Journalism & Communication
- Economics

**Degrees obtained:**

- Higher Diploma in Human Resource Management, Institute of Human Resource Management (IHRM), Nairobi, Kenya
- Diploma In Human Resource Management, The Kenya Institute of Management (KIM), Nairobi, Kenya
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Media Technology (Public Relations Option), Maseno University, Nairobi, Kenya



As China becomes a major global player economically and politically, it is important for us to learn lessons that we can apply in our own countries. I look forward to an opportunity to experience Chinese culture, language and study the business dynamics propelling China to economic success.

I have a great interest in studying Chinese culture that has an emphasis of learning from others. A study of the historic literature will enable me gain insights into the road map of the ancient civilization. Sinological studies will enable me understand China from its past and her role in contemporary world. It will also enhance my research in Chinese studies in future.

### Prach PANCHAKUNATHORN 吳壽勇

**Country of origin:**

- Thailand

**Occupation:**

- PhD student in Philosophy, Stanford University, USA
- Teaching assistant in Philosophy, Stanford University, USA

**Academic interests:**

- Ethics
- Political philosophy / theory
- Metaethics
- Philosophy of language

**Degrees obtained:**

- MPhil in Philosophy, University of Cambridge, UK
- BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford, UK



I've been trained in Western analytic philosophy, but have also maintained an interest in Chinese philosophy. So I was excited by the prospects of taking part in SDCF's summer program, which offers intensive classes and seminars taught by over 20 academic experts in Chinese philosophy. I hope that the program will provide me with a solid foundation, and will allow me to incorporate Chinese philosophy in both my research and teaching. My longer-term goal is to develop my knowledge further, to the point where I'm competent to teach a class in Chinese philosophy myself.



# 2018 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

## Donasius PATHERA 花豹

### Country of origin:

- Malawi

### Occupation:

- Compliance Risk and Business Analysis Specialist, Malawi Revenue Authority, Blantyre, Malawi

### Academic interests:

- Economics
- International Relations
- Sociology
- Anthropology

### Degrees obtained:

- Msc. in Sociology, University of Manchester, UK
- Msc. Social Anthropology, Harvard University, USA
- BSc. Anthropology, Bedford University, UK



I have been reading about China on a very serious note during my studies at Harvard University. I was interested to know why China is developing very fast. As my curiosity continued to rise, I started publishing many articles about my adventure of China. I have published on One Belt One Road, I was invited to attend the 2017 Young Sinologist programme in Beijing, China. Chinese culture is very unique, that makes me to come closer to it and appreciate. The developmental boom of China is also benefitting many developing nations especially in Africa. I feel this programme will help me learn more about the Chinese culture, that's why I feel this is a great opportunity I can't miss.

## Anastasia POLITOVA

### Country of origin:

- Russia

### Occupation:

- PhD candidate in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics, Nanjing University, China

### Academic interests:

- Chinese lexicology (Chinese idioms in particular)
- Second language acquisition
- Teaching Chinese as a second language
- Chinese culture.

### Degrees obtained:

- Specialist Degree in Translation, State University of Humanities and Social Studies (SUHSS), Moscow, Russia



Being deeply interested in languages and in Chinese in particular, I am constantly looking for opportunities to broaden my knowledge. A well-known Chinese proverb says "live and learn" (活到老, 学到老). After several years of constant learning of Chinese, I have understood that the more I learn, the wider the unexplored horizons become. Chinese, representing the crystallization of Chinese wisdom with its complex expressions, requires a sufficient amount of background knowledge on Chinese philosophy, history and religion for its proper understanding. Besides enlightening lectures, fruitful discussions and collaborative projects, I am also longing to meeting new and interesting people with common interests. I am sure that this summer school will serve as a hub for my future career and professional development.

## Dr. Ewa RZANNA

### Country of origin:

- Poland

### Occupation:

- Researcher and Editor, Institute for Documentation and Research on Polish Literature, Warsaw.

### Academic interests:

- 20th century radical politics and ideology
- Chinese and Western ancient philosophy
- modernization theory

### Degrees obtained:

- PhD in Sociology, Graduate School for Social Research, Warsaw, Poland
- MA in International Relations, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland, and Sciences-Po, Paris, France
- MA in European Law, History and Politics, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland



In the course of my studies on the Chinese world, that over the years have come to include a broad range of topics from the fields of history, literature and politics, I have grown increasingly aware of the importance the comprehensive knowledge of the Chinese philosophical and religious traditions holds for the correct and truly enlightening understanding of the Chinese people, their past, present and, hopefully, the auspicious future. I believe that instead of seeing the classical thought of China as a sole prerogative of sinologists, this vast body of ideas, concepts and narratives should become an indispensable theoretical instrument for everybody willing to dedicate themselves systematically to Chinese studies.

## Thomas SLABON

### Country of origin:

- Canada

### Occupation:

- PhD candidate in Philosophy, Stanford University, USA

### Academic interests:

- Ancient Greek and Latin Philosophy
- Philosophical theology
- Philosophy and literature

### Degrees obtained:

- MA Classics, University of Toronto, Canada
- BA Philosophy and Classics, University of Toronto, Canada



Much of my research focuses on ancient Greek philosophical theology - how notions of God and the divine both shape and are shaped by their broader philosophical context in thinkers like Plato and Aristotle. I'm interested in exploring the same sorts of questions within the context of Chinese philosophy: broadly construed, how do these philosophers conceive of the divine? And how do these conceptions of the divine influence their philosophical systems? More generally, Chinese philosophy is an intellectual world to which I have had regrettably little exposure in my academic career - and I am incredibly excited to explore it.





# 2018 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

## Dr. Mog STAPLETON

### Country of origin:

- United Kingdom

### Occupation:

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Eidyn Research Centre, School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh, UK

### Academic interests:

- Philosophy of Cognitive Science
- Embodied Cognition and Enactivism
- Affective Neuroscience

### Degrees obtained:

- PhD in Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, UK
- MSc in Cognitive Science, University of Edinburgh, UK
- MLitt in Philosophy, St Andrews and Stirling Graduate Programme in Philosophy (SASP), UK
- MA in German and Philosophy, University of Glasgow, UK



My background is in cognitive science and empirically informed philosophy. My current job includes helping to build free online courses on the topic of 'Philosophy, Science and Religion', contributing to the department's 'Philosophy in Prisons' project, as well as teaching some undergraduate and Masters level courses. My interest in Chinese Philosophy has been steadily growing over the last two and a half years as I have been doing self-directed reading in the area. In order to develop my knowledge and understanding in this area further, I will be teaching an introductory course on Classical Chinese Philosophy next semester. My hope for this Summer program is to both deepen and broaden my current knowledge and understanding of Chinese Philosophy, to get to know a little of the context of current research in the discipline, and to meet and learn from other students of Chinese Philosophy.

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## Martyna ŚWIĄT CZAK-BOROWY 徐夢銳

### Country of origin:

- Poland

### Occupation:

- Master's Student in Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy, University of Warsaw, Poland

### Academic interests:

- Early and Modern Confucianism
- Political Philosophy
- Comparative Philosophy

### Degrees obtained:

- MA in Chinese Philosophy and Culture, Fudan University, Shanghai, China
- BA Sinology, University of Warsaw, Poland



The reason I want to attend the Greater China Summer Workshop in Chinese Studies is that I wish to deepen my understanding of Chinese philosophy in an inspiring and stimulating environment combining both theoretical and practical aspects. I believe that intellectual exchange, dialogue, and mutual inspiration are fundamental parts of the scholarly work. That is why I am looking forward to learning from people who share my interests and can help me become a better scholar.

## Dr. Gabriel TEROL ROJO

### Country of origin:

- Spain

### Occupation:

- Assistant Professor in East Asian Studies, University of Valencia, Spain
- East Asian Studies Area Coordinator, University of Valencia, Spain

### Academic interests:

- Daoist epistemology and metaphysics
- Chinese Philosophy and Comparative Philosophy
- Influences of Chinese thought/ intellectuality/philosophy in the Western thought/intellectuality/ philosophy tradition
- Sinological Methodology

### Degrees obtained:

- PhD in Philosophy, University of Valencia, Spain
- MA in East Asian Studies (Sinology), Catalonia Open University, Spain
- MA in Philosophy, University of Valencia, Spain



My main personal expectations for the program combine a deepening of my knowledge about Chinese philosophy / intellectuality / culture with a coexistence and professional relationship with colleagues from the international Sinologist community and with the outstanding professors who have organised the SCDF academic program. Once the study program is completed, I am convinced that in addition to having the opportunity to examine the main Chinese philosophical and intellectual traditions with original texts and direct sources, contacts with specialists will also provide me with rigorous knowledge to compose publishable research articles that will serve to disseminate both my main academic interests and other parallel issues that, surely, will have awakened my interest.

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## 2018 SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

### Prof. Hafizu Miko YAKASAI

**Country of origin:**

- Nigeria

**Occupation:**

- Professor in African Linguistics, Bayero University Kano, Nigeria.

**Academic interests:**

- Issues in socio-cultural linguistics
- Translation, development and multilingualism in Africa
- Chinese philosophy and culture in the African context

**Degrees obtained:**

- PhD in African Linguistics, University of Warsaw, Poland
- MA Hausa, Bayero University Kano, Nigeria
- BA Hausa, Bayero University Kano, Nigeria



Sequel to the global understanding of the relevance of Chinese philosophy and culture in the area of globalization and development strategies, and indeed the dominance of Chinese economy in the global market, it is my fervent belief that the SDCF offers the richest possibilities to advance my studies in the field of sinology. My expectations for the program are that it will allow me to deepen my knowledge of Chinese philosophy and culture within and outside China, map out development strategies for developing countries, create multiple collaborative academic agreement in Chinese studies relevant for sustainable development, particularly in Africa and use Chinese studies as a model in teaching and research.

### Sofiia ZAICHENKO 蔡索菲

**Country of origin:**

- Ukraine

**Occupation:**

- PhD student in Chinese Language and Literature, Hong Kong Baptist University

**Academic interests:**

- Modern and contemporary poetry
- Literary theory
- Comparative literature
- Contemporary art and philosophy

**Degrees obtained:**

- MA in Sinology, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey
- Bachelor of Philology (Chinese), Oles Honchar Dnepropetrovsk National University, Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine



The framework of the program perfectly matches the knowledge I am seeking to acquire in order to implement my research project, since the techniques contemporary Chinese poets are resorting to are reminiscent not only of the modernist tradition, but also of the ancient philosophical texts and the deep wisdom that lies behind them.

This program provides a rare opportunity to be introduced to the Buddhist and Daoist practices as they are, and not as they are being portrayed in today's capitalist society – as a fashion trend.

Besides, an insight into the ancient Chinese worldview will, I believe, enhance program participants' potential to reflect on the knowledge they acquired (in any field) and their ability to ask the right questions instead of just answering the questions they were asked.



## FORMER PARTICIPANTS TESTIMONIALS

### **Dr. Remy JARRY, 2018 Summer Program Participant**

It's already been more than 4 months since I left the SDCF Program, but it is still very much stimulating my “heart-mind”! I have followed Dr. Elizabeth Li's advice to let it sediment and it is increasingly empowering my way of thinking.

In this regard, my recent travel through Myanmar has unexpectedly revived my experience at Tian Nan Temple, the Chan Buddhist temple where Dr. Li took us in Taiwan. I regularly listened to the Dabei zhou (大悲咒) [Great Compassion Mantra] that I have heard for the very first time during the workshop.

I would like to end this message with a thought that I have developed over the last summer: I have worked long enough in Greater China to realize that Dr. Li's philanthropic activities through SDCF remain rare, and I really want to stress my gratefulness for her commitment and contribution.

漢學發展慈善基金會萬歲！ Long live SDCF!

### **Donasius PATHERA, 2018 Summer Program Participant**

I would like to express my gratitude for the time SDCF offered me to be part of a philosophical entourage into Greater China. This philosophical excursion gave me an opportunity to understand three major Chinese philosophies.

The pride of this experience remains indelible considering that I was among the first Africans to partake in the SDCF Summer Program. The lectures were fantastic starting from Hong Kong into the beckoning waters of Macau; surging through Taiwan then in Mainland China – it was an intellectual pilgrimage I shall live to remember.

Of great importance is how Chinese philosophy is helping me as I am studying my PhD in Economics – in the course of our learnings, we are dipped into Chinese philosophy, there is no novelty in it. I hope and believe you shall recruit more African youth to attend the SDCF seminars coming forth.





## 2018 RESEARCH PROJECTS

### The Role of Ritual (*Li*) in the Production of Virtue (*Ren*) [*Group Project Prize*]

- Donasius Pathera
- Thomas Slabon [*Individual Prize*]
- Dr. Mog Stapleton
- Sofiia Zaichenko

This paper aims to analyze an intrinsic connection between the Confucian ritual and the core value of the *Ren* school, virtue. The first part explores the peculiarities of *ren* generation as seen in the Analects, the core of Confucianism. In the second part, another important Confucian source, the Odes, are investigated. The third part enters the domain of comparative philosophy in an attempt to analyze *ren* in the context of *Bildung* in John McDowell's neo-Aristotelean epistemology. Finally, the last part deals with the notions of *li* and *ren* as key factors in China's economic surge.

### Political Philosophy of New Confucianism

- Vladislav Kruglov
- Rose Muthoni Muhoro
- Prach Panchakunathorn
- Dr. Gabriel Terol Rojo

This paper compares ideas in classical Confucianism with ideas proposed by contemporary Confucians on four topics in political philosophy: nationalism, meritocracy, economics, and justice. The purpose of the comparison is to make clear which ideas can be found in the classics and which have been added by contemporary thinkers. The first section tries to delimit the framework of "culture" and "nationalism" conceptually and looking for its philosophical parameters in classical Confucianism. In this context, it reviews its conceptual variations in the new Confucianism and reflects on their results.

The second section focuses on meritocracy. It argues that the kind of meritocracy put forth by many contemporary Confucian thinkers has thin textual support in the texts of classical Confucianism. Classical Confucians, this paper argues, were not meritocrats. While they proposed that rulers and government officers should be virtuous and able people, they never called for rulers and government officers to be selected on the basis of virtue and ability.

The third section is focused in the economic area. Up to now, economic aspect in China is influenced by the ideologies of Confucianism. Finally, the fourth section is about the concept of justice (*zhengyi*). New Confucianism is developing the concept of justice, making it more practical and suitable for modern and civil society.



## 2018 RESEARCH PROJECTS

### The Concept of Good Life in Early Chinese Thought

- Dr. Ewa Rzanna
- Lucas Leitão Silveira
- Anastasia Politova
- Prof. Hafizu Miko Yakasai

At all times people wanted to live well, to be happy and enjoy a good life. But what does “the good life” mean? People’s opinions have always differed on what should be the key criteria for “the good life”. Some try to answer this question from a hedonistic point of view, advocating the necessity of experiencing pleasure. Some apply a materialistic approach to achieve happiness in life. Some put the moral virtuousness in the centre of the concept of “the good life”. No matter what you choose, there is no right or wrong definition of the concept of “the good life”. This paper is focused on the understanding of “the good life” in early Chinese thought. We start from Mencius’s understanding of “the good life”, proceeding to another Confucian thinker, Xunzi, whose idea of innate human nature was opposite to that of Mencius. Finally, we discuss the Daoist understanding of “the good life” represented by Laozi and Zhuangzi.

### Qing and Self-Cultivation in Ancient Chinese Thought: A Comparative Study of Ruism, Daoism and Chan Buddhism

- Dr. Remy Jarry
- Venerable Sakda Hemthep
- Martyna Świątczak-Borowy

*Qing* 情 is an important concept that has been discussed throughout the Chinese philosophical tradition. In this regard, the ethical status of emotions has been particularly scrutinised. In this paper, we would like to concentrate on the early Chinese thought in order to decipher its possible understanding(s). Self-cultivation will serve as our guideline to achieve this goal from a consistent perspective. We will look at *qing* from a triple perspective: *Ruism*, with a particular focus on the Xunzi, Daoism, through the reference to the Zhuangzi, and Chan Buddhism from the Platform Sutra. These three directions are relevant in the sense they have inspired and challenged each other over time. The overall purpose of our research is to demonstrate the significance of *qing*. In addition, we want to show that the evolution of its understanding by Confucian, Daoist and Buddhist scholars embodies idiosyncratic aspects of the Chinese thought.



# **2018 PROGRAM LEGACY XXIV WORLD CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Confucian Self-cultivation as a Path Towards Being Human' -  
Conceptions Related to National, Global, and Human Security**

XXIV World Congress of Philosophy (WCP), Beijing, China

Invited Session 13

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## **Chair**

**Elizabeth Woo Li**

## **Speakers**

**Caroline Pires Ting**

"A Cross-cultural Perspective of the Artistry as a Metaphor for Self-cultivation"

**Oleg Kocherov**

"Harmonizing the Game Universe: Weiqi as a Tool for Self-Cultivation"

**Gonzalo Gamarra Jordan**

*[unable to attend - paper read by Thomas Slabon]*

"The Decisive Role of Imagination in Becoming Human according to Mencius"

**Anastasia Politova**

"Confucius' Self-cultivation as a Tool for Achieving Human Security"

**Martyna Świątczak-Borowy**

"Between the Individual and the Global: On Confucian Self-cultivation and  
Global Social Harmony"

**Urbano Rodrigues**

"Trustworthiness: Virtue for Human Harmony in Confucianism"



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## 2017 PROGRAM LEGACY

### Participants

- **Dr. Lavinia BENEDETTI** (Italy) – *Group Project Prize & Distinguished Honorary Mention*
- **Caroline PIRES TING** (Brazil) – *Individual Research Prize*
- **Denis SHLIKHANOV** (Russia) – *Group Project Prize & Promising Sinologist*
- **Georgy TITOV** (Russia) – *Group Project Prize & Honorary Mention*
- **Thomas Edward KINGSTON** (U.K.) – *Honorary Mention*
- **Robert TSATURYAN** (Armenia) – *Honorary Mention*





## 2016 PROGRAM LEGACY

### Participants

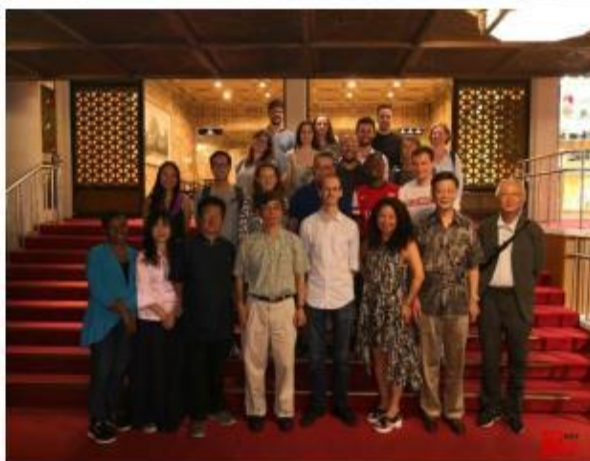
- **Dmitriy BORISOV** (Russia) – *group project prize*
- **Dr. Ella DRYAEVA** (Russia) – *group project prize*
- **Oleg KOCHEROV** (Russia) – *individual research prize*
- **Darya NECHYPARUK** (Belarus)
- **Dr. RODRIGUES Urbano Louis Milagres** (USA)
- **Nikolai RUDENKO** (Russia)
- **Dr. Marcia SCHMALTZ** (Brazil)
- **Dr. Makar TARAN** (Ukraine)
- **Ruoyang WENG** (China) – *group project prize*
- **Jingcai YING** (China) – *outstanding volunteer*







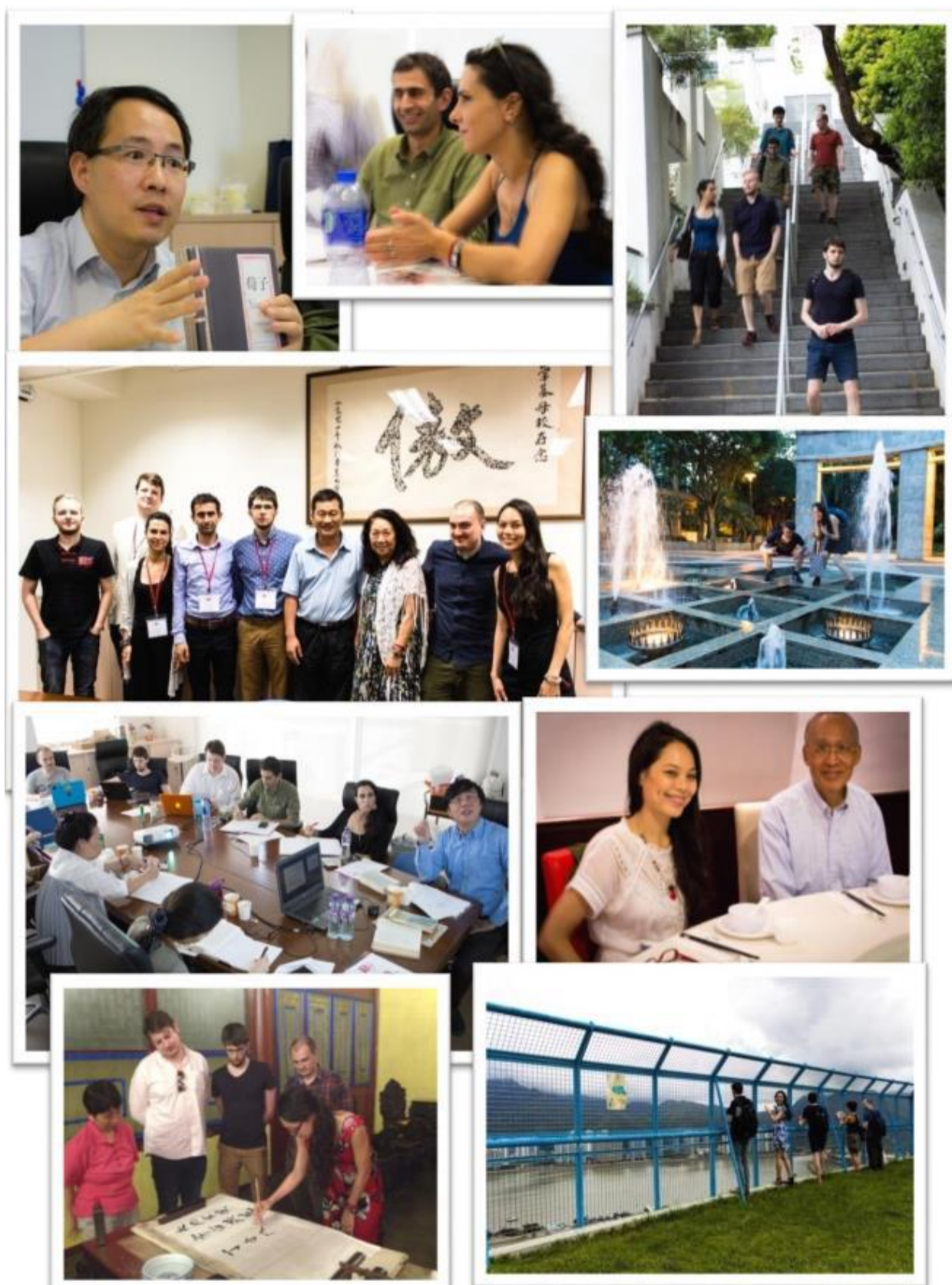
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