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WORKSHOP

Convenors:

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Prof. Dr. Hon Tze-ki (SUNY-Geneseo, New York; KHC Visiting Fellow)

Fate and Destiny in Confucian Self-Cultivation



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KHC Seminar Room, Building D1
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Wednesday, July 16, 2014

9:00 a.m. Welcome Address (Thomas Fröhlich, Hon Tze-ki)

SESSION 1: Classical Confucianism

Chair: Hon Tze-ki (State Univ. of New York at Geneseo, KHC Visiting Fellow)

9:15 a.m. Moral Fortuity and Proper Destiny in
Early Confucian Ethics

Yuet Keung Lo (Singapore National University)

10:00 a.m. The Uncrowned King and his Prophecy:
Confucius and the Making of Dynastic Fate
in the First Century CE China

Zhao Lu (University of Pennsylvania, KHC Visiting Fellow)

10:45 a.m. *Coffee break*

11:15 a.m. *Discussion*

12:15 p.m. *Lunch break*

SESSION 2: Neo-Confucianism & Modern Confucianism

Chair: Robert LaFleur (Beloit College, KHC Visiting Fellow)

2:00 p.m. Hexagrams for Self-Cultivation:
Zhu Xi's Philosophy of Divination

Hon Tze-ki (State Univ. of New York at Geneseo, KHC Visiting Fellow)

2:45 p.m. Can Confucianism Save the World?
Reflections on Confucian Politics and Destiny

Joseph Chan (University of Hong Kong)

3:30 p.m. *Coffee break*

4:00 p.m. The Realization of the Unpredictable:
Tang Junyi on Self-Cultivation

Thomas Fröhlich (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, KHC Affiliate)

4:45 p.m. *Discussion*

6:00 p.m. *End of 1st day*

Fate and Destiny in Confucian Self-Cultivation

This workshop examines how Confucian thinkers developed a theory of self-cultivation to address human anxiety about fate and destiny. The workshop participants will compare the notions of self-cultivation in Classical Confucianism of the ancient period, Neo-Confucianism of the late imperial period, and modern Confucianism of contemporary times. The goal of this comparison is to determine the uniqueness of Confucianism vis-à-vis other intellectual systems, such as Buddhism, Daoism, and Christianity.

Thursday, July 17, 2014

OPEN FORUM

Chair: Hon Tze-ki

10:00 a.m. Self-Cultivation in Confucianism,
Buddhism, and Daoism

11:30 a.m. *End of workshop*