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The 17th Symposium on Building Chinese Bioethics

Launched in 2007, this research symposium aims to nurture young researchers from mainland China under our supervision and to provide research leadership in the field. The 17th symposium was held on May 16 and 17, 2023 with over 70 participants, at which over 30 scholars and practitioners from various mainland universities, research institutions and hospitals gave their presentations and responses. Our Centre's fellows commented on each paper. Over the years, the symposium has fostered interdisciplinary research on Chinese intellectual traditions and contemporary bioethics issues and facilitated the further development of Chinese bioethics.

Selected papers were revised and published in the *International Journal of Chinese and Comparative Philosophy of Medicine*, Vol. 21 Nos. 1 and Nos. 2.











Abstracts

Revisiting the Cognitive and Ethical Value of Plague Theories in Traditional Chinese Medicine for Contemporary Epidemic Prevention and Risk Control

Cheng Guobin Southeast University, China

In the study of concepts developed in the context of public health management in ancient China, the notion of infectiousness and plague theories in TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine) are often perceived to have little significance to epidemic prevention and public health today because they are viewed as "unscientific." This paper, however, argues that the doctrine of *yinqi* (the epidemic *qi*) and the concept of infectiousness in TCM present a dynamic interaction between diffuse environmental risks

and human activities in a specific spatiotemporal context. The concept of epidemic *qi* offers a unique cognitive model with which to approach the epidemic risk in a given sociohistorical environment that differs from a linear analysis of the "chain of infection" in modern medicine. The paper concludes that the plague theories reflected in TCM are relevant to the contemporary understanding of risk control during a public health crisis.

A Confucian Reflection on the New Approach to Prevention and Control of COVID-19 Pandemic in Mainland China

Chen Danlei Xi'an Jiaotong University, China Wu Jingxian Xi'an Jiaotong University, China

In late 2022, the central government of China introduced a series of policies for the mainland as part of a comprehensive transformation of COVID-19 Pandemic Prevention and Control (PPC) from the traditional, government-centered approach to a novel approach that prioritizes individuals and families. Drawing upon the four fundamental principles of Confucian bioethics, namely "benevolence," "justice," "integrity," and "harmony," this paper examines the ethical challenges of safeguarding lives and health, ensuring a fair distribution of resources and wealth, obtaining accurate and reliable information, and openly

sharing the costs and resources throughout this transformation in the PPC approach. By focusing on the key actors involved in the process, we propose that the shift from a government-centric to a collaborative "family + individual + government" approach is both necessary and sustainable. Accordingly, we advocate for accelerating the return to normal production and daily life to mitigate the societal "pain" associated with the transformation. Additionally, we urge the government to reflect on its previous experience and prepare for a possible pandemic recurrence.

"A Difficult Choice" for Healthy Volunteers: A Case Study of a 2019-nCoV Vaccine Clinical Trial

Wang Jiaqi Shanxi Medical University, China Deng Rui Shanxi Medical University, China

Taking the Phase I trial of the 2019-nCoV vaccine as a case study, this paper examines the motivational and psychological development and behavioral patterns of healthy volunteers who participate in different phases of clinical trials for vaccines. The findings of a series of in-depth interviews and virtual ethnographical studies show that participation in a clinical trial such as that for the 2019-nCoV vaccine is a

difficult choice for volunteers, as it entails exposure not only to medical risks but also to social prejudice. The paper provides a detailed account of how the volunteers for the Phase I 2019-nCoV vaccine trials made their choice to participate and how they overcame various doubts and fears to serve as responsible research partners.

A Conflict of Duties Confronted by Healthcare Providers during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Confucian Perspective

Xie Guangkuan
Peking University, China

During the COVID-19 pandemic, healthcare providers faced many challenges and were loaded with heavy psychological burdens. This paper focuses on a moral dilemma between the duty of healthcare providers and the overall well-being of the providers and their families

during the medical crisis of the pandemic in Huhan, China. Based on interviews, the paper takes a Confucian perspective to explicate the duties and supererogatory acts of those who volunteered to help and the balance between the moral duties of loyalty and filial piety.

An Analytic Framework for Fighting a Pandemic

He Huaihong Zhengzhou University, China

After the outbreak at the end of 2019, COVID-19 spread rapidly across the globe. This paper constructs a framework for analyzing the relationship between human beings and viruses comprising four basic categories: nature, human nature, technology, and

political power. The paper shows that different interactions between these four basic categories influence the understanding of the meaning of pandemics and of how a pandemic like COVID-19 should be fought.

The Future of Humankind and Uncertainty

Fang Xudong

East China Normal University, China

When talking about artificial intelligence brain-computer interface (AI-BCI) technology (ABT), the following question arises: will humans think alongside machines, or will they think by relying on machines? If the former scenario holds true,

it seems incongruous with the intended purpose of ABT. Conversely, if the latter scenario proves to be true, Confucianism expresses optimism about its potential triumph.

Ethical Horizons of Brain-Computer Interface Technology: Changes and Constants

Wang Jue

Xi'an Jiaotong University, China

"The Ethics of Thinking with Machines" (Lyreskog et al. 2023, 11–34) focuses on the ethical issues and debates caused by the development of brain–computer interface technology, and describes a changing moral landscape: some boundaries are blurred or

broken, while some core values are reinvented. However, a constant concern underlies these changes, namely concern about "who I am." This concern has become even more pressing in the current age of artificial intelligence.

A Review on "The Ethics of Thinking with Machines"

Yin Jie

Fudan University, China

In this paper, I first reiterate the views of Lyreskog et al. and stress the importance of discussing ethical questions in the context of ABT—a topic that has clearly not received enough attention in China. Second, given the current state of Chinese applied ethics, I focus on what Lyreskog et al. refer to as a "seismic shift in how we conceptualize much of what we take to be core values in medicine and healthcare". (Lyreskog et. al 2023, 11–34) to

explain how to realize the innovative progress of ABT ethics in contemporary China. I agree in principle that frameworks aiming to offer ethical guidance in ABT situations should use ontologies and taxonomies that allow for conceptual flexibility and redesign. These frameworks should also be subjected to philosophical critique and modified in light of scientific practice.

Ethical Defense of Invasive Brain-Computer Interface Technology Tang Jian

Tung Jun

Tianjin Medical University, China

The idea that invasive brain-computer interface technology is dangerous is debatable. This technology requires ethical justification, recognizing the coexistence of their benefits and risks. The newly formed professional consensus in China illustrates that it is possible to develop forward-looking and binding ethical guidelines through multidisciplinary argumentation stakeholder consultation. Invasive braincomputer interfaces need not be limited to the smallest scope of application. Invasive brain-computer interfaces for healthy people and for enhancement purposes will provide technical and ethical options for future human society. Therefore, research into invasive brain-computer interfaces should not be prohibited. Rather, we must be alert to the risky possibility of research development on brain-computer interfaces entirely driven becoming by business interests and controlled by capital. Furthermore, Chinese Taoist wisdom does not necessarily reject this technology.

The Risk-Benefit Trade-off of Brain-Computer Interface Technology: A Review

Xie Guangkuan Harbin Medical University, China

Brain-computer interface (BCI) and artificial intelligence (AI) technologies are the most high-profile and disruptive technologies of our time. Professor Zhenming Zhai presents a broad and informative argument for why invasive BCIs are dangerous, fully addressing the emerging issues and challenges caused by BCI and AI technologies. In the field of biomedical research involving human subjects,

conducting a reasonable and scientific assessment of the risks and benefits of BCIs is a complex, challenging, and continuous process. In the new world of man—computer symbiosis, we should not focus only to the evolution of technology itself, but also reflect on the balance from within ourselves as humans. We should think carefully, discern wisely and act earnestly.

Public Lecture on "From Conceptual Misalignment to Conceptual Engineering: An Applied Case Study on Emotion from Chinese Philosophy"

Date: 12 July 2023 (Wed)

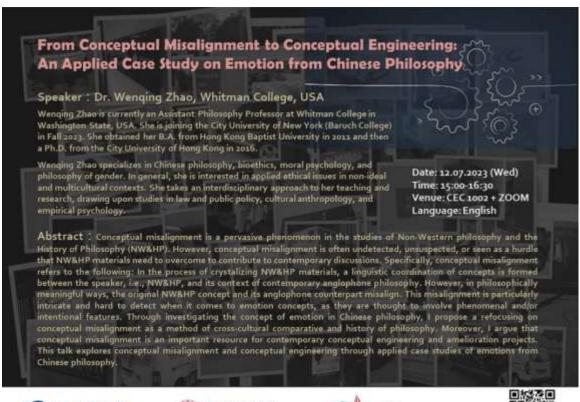
Time: 15:00 - 16:30

Venue: CEC 1002 + Zoom

Language: English

Speaker: Dr. Wenquing Zhao, Assistant Philosophy Professor,

Whitman College, Washington State, USA













Ethic series: Applied Ethics and Accountancy – a Conversation

Date: 12 July 2023 (Thur)

Time: 12:30 - 13:30

Venue: Zoom

Language: Cantonese and English

Speakers: Dr. Gillian Chu, Assistant Professor, Department of Religion

and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University; Dr. Baldwin

Wong, Assistant Professor, Hong Kong Baptist University



CAE 30th Anniversary Seminar/Departmental Colloquium: Contingent Pacifism and International Order

Date: 25 August 2023 (Fri)

Time: 17:00 - 19:00

Venue: Zoom

Language: Cantonese

Speaker: Dr. Bendict S. B. Chan, Associate Professor, Department of

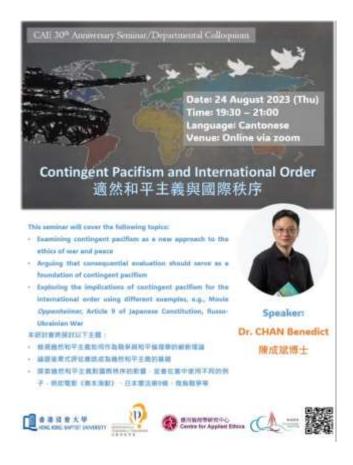
Religion and Philosophy; Director, Centre for Applied Ethics,

Hong Kong Baptist University

Chairperson: Dr. Baldwin Wong, Assistant Professor, Department of

Religion and Philosophy; Research Fellow, Centre for

Applied Ethics, Hong Kong Baptist University



AWAHK Lunchtime Webinar - Current and Future Ethical Concerns with Artificial Intelligence

Date: 19 September 2023 (Tue)

Time: 13:00 – 14:00

Venue: Zoom

Language: English

Speaker: Dr. Levi Checketts, Assistant Professor of Religion and

Philosophy, Associate Director of the Centre for Applied

Ethics, Hong Kong Baptist University

Attendance: 20



AWAHK Lunchtime Webinar - Current and Future Ethical Concerns with Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence has become *the* buzzword for 2023. Everybody in the media, in government, across professions and in finance is talking about it. But what is it, and what are the moral concerns we should pay attention to with it?

Highlights of the Webinar

In the webinar, the speaker will:

- (1) discuss some facts and misconceptions about the state of Al today
- (2) explain three general layers of ethical considerations
- (3) address specific ethical concerns pertinent to the profession of accounting with regard to AI.

Public Lecture on "The Impact of ChatGPT and Al on Information and Education Ethics"

Date: 18 Oct 2023 (Wed)

Time: 17:30 - 19:00

Venue: AAB 505 + Zoom

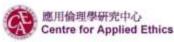
Language: Cantonese

Speaker: Dr. Elvis Liu, Expert Engineer, Tencent; Mr. Jacky Fung,

Founding Director of Hong Kong America Education Exchange Association; Dr. Benedict Chan, Director of the Centre for Applied Ethics, Associate Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University













Seminar on "Preparing the Future: Ethics of Peace and War"

Date: 25 Oct 2023 (Wed)

Time: 13:30 - 15:00

Venue: SCT503

Language: Cantonese

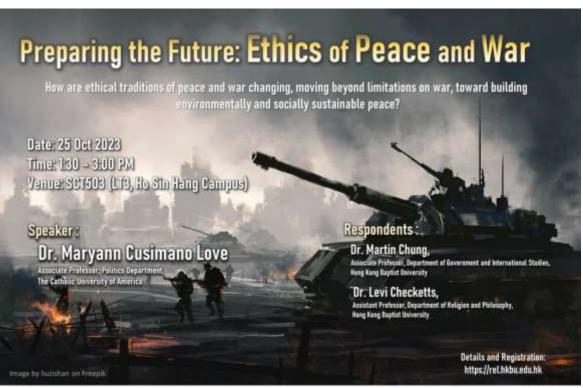
Speaker: Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love, Associate Professor, Politics

Department, The Catholic University of America

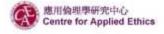
Respondents: Dr. Martin Chung, Associate Professor, Department of

Government and International Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University; Dr. Levi Mahonri Checketts, Assistant Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist

University













Dialogues in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics – What can science and philosophy establish about God?

Date: 8 November 2023 (Wed)

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Venue: SWT 501

Language: Putonghua

Speakers: Dr. Andrew Loke, Associate Professor, Department of

Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University; Prof. Zhang Jiji, Associate Dean of Arts, Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, The Chinese University of Hong

Kong



Public Lecture on "Religious Organizations, Humanitarian Assistance and the Real Needs of People in Sub-Saharan Africa"

Date: 21 November 2023 (Tue)

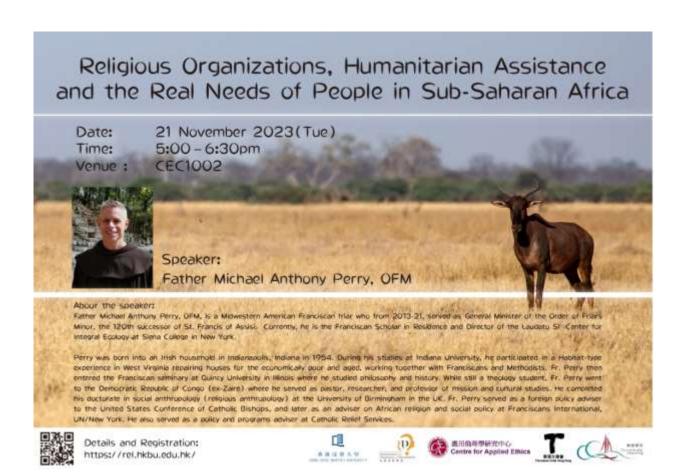
Time: 17:00 - 18:30

Online Lecture: CEC1002

Language: CEC1002

Speaker: Father Michael Anthony Perry, General Minister of the Order

of Friars Minor



Dialogues on the Capability Approach

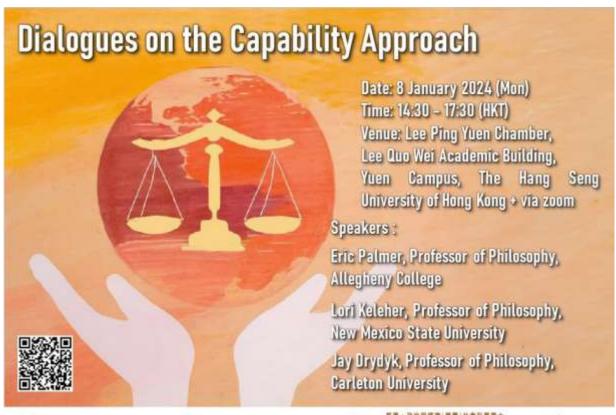
Date: 8 January 2024 (Mon)

Time: 14:30 - 17:30

Online Lecture: Lee Ping Yuen Chamber, The Hang Seng University of Hong

Kong and Zoom

Language: English











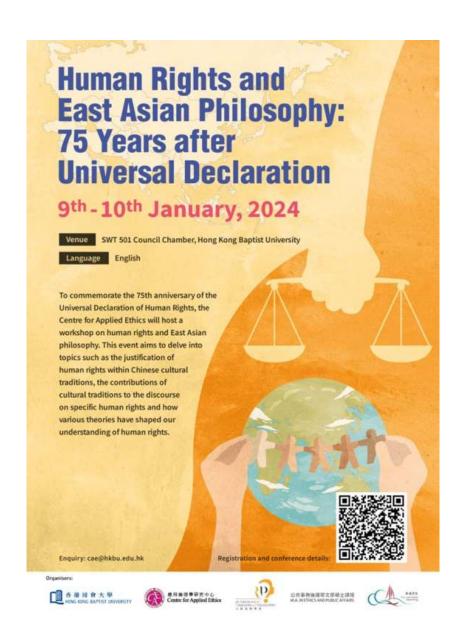
Conference on "Human Rights and East Asian Philosophy: 75 Years after Universal Declaration"

Date: 09 - 10 January 2024 (Tue – Wed)

Time: 09:30 - 18:00

Location: SWT501 + Zoom

Language: English



Public Lecture on "Poisoned Water: Responses to Water Pollution in Japan"

Date: 8 Feb 2024 (Thur)

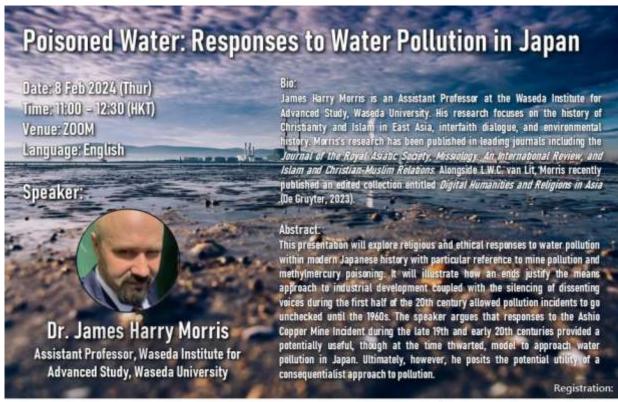
Time: 11:00 - 12:30

Venue: Zoom

Language: English

Speaker: Dr. James Harry Morris, Assistant Professor, Waseda Institute

for Advanced Study, Waseda University















Book Launch - Poor Technology: Artificial Intelligence and the Experience of Poverty

Date: 28 Feb 2024 (Wed)

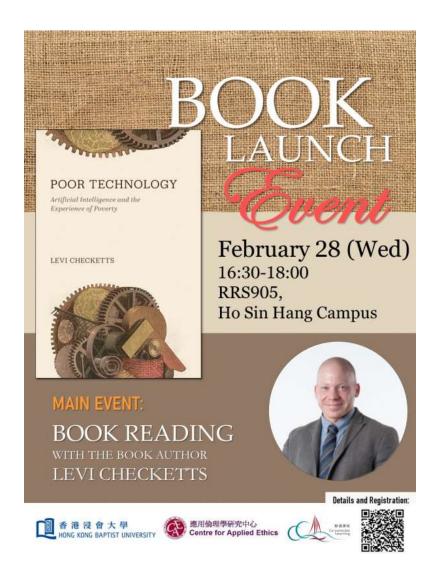
Time: 16:30 - 18:00

Venue: RRS905

Language: English

Speaker: Dr. Levi Checketts, Assistant Professor, Department of

Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University



Public Lecture on "What Happens if the Brain Goes Elsewhere? Puzzles about Persons, Identity, and Embodiment"

Date: 11 Mar 2024 (Mon)

Time: 16:00 - 17:30

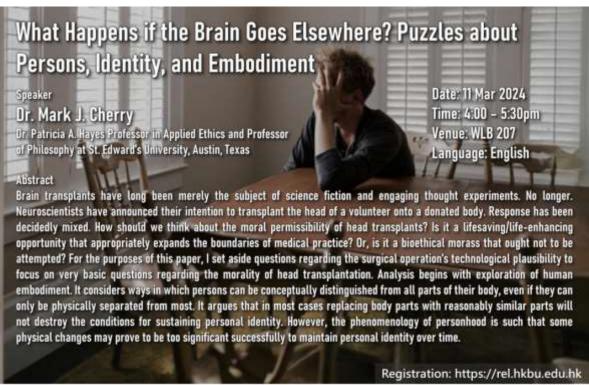
Venue: WLB 207

Language: English

Speaker: Mark J. Cherry, Dr. Patricia A. Hayes Professor in Applied

Ethics and Professor of Philosophy at St. Edward's University,

Austin, Texas













Public Lecture on "Machine Learning, Interpretability, and Drone Strikes"

Date: 8 Apr 2024 (Mon)

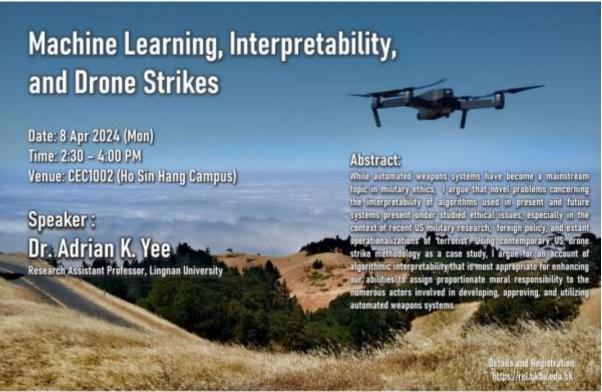
Time: 14:30 - 16:00

Venue: CEC 1002

Language: English

Speaker: Dr. Adrian K. Yee, Research Assistant Professor, Lingman

University













Book Launch - Befriending the North Wind: Children, Moral Agency, and the Good Death

Date: 19 April 2024 (Fri)

Time: 16:00 - 17:30

Venue: Zoom

Language: English

Speaker: Dr Robyn Boeré, Associate Professor, Faculty of Theology,

University of Oslo



Public Lecture on "'Happiness is a (cold) gun': American Gun Owners and Their Theological Grounding"

Date: 8 May 2024 (Wed)

Time: 11:00 - 12:30

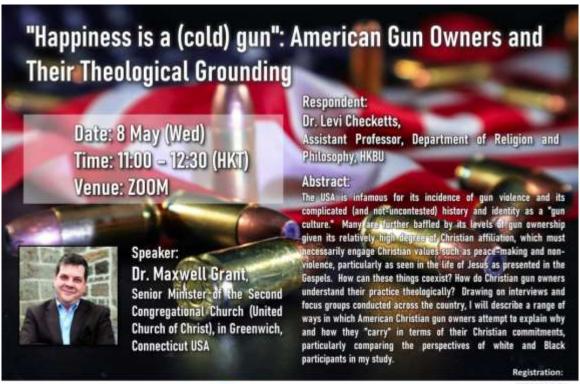
Venue: ZOOM

Language: English

Speaker: Dr. Maxwell Grant, Senior Minister of the Second

Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), in

Greenwich, Connecticut USA













Seminar on "What are the Best Things in Life? A Philosophical Inquiry"

Date: 10 May 2024 (Fri)

Time: 15:30 - 17:30

Venue: WLB 208

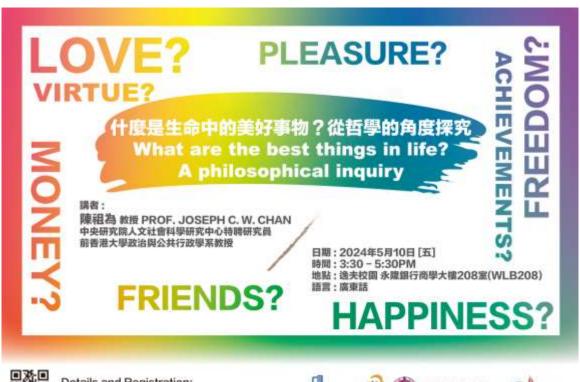
Language: Cantonese

Speaker: Prof. Joseph C.W. Chan, Research, Research Center for

Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica; Retired Professor, Department of Politics and Public Administration,

The University of Hong Kong

Attendance: 71





Details and Registration: https://rel.hkbu.edu.hk/



Public Lecture on "Neglected Voices in Philosophy of Technology"

Date: 13 May 2024 (Mon)

Time: 14:00 - 17:30

Venue: CEC 911

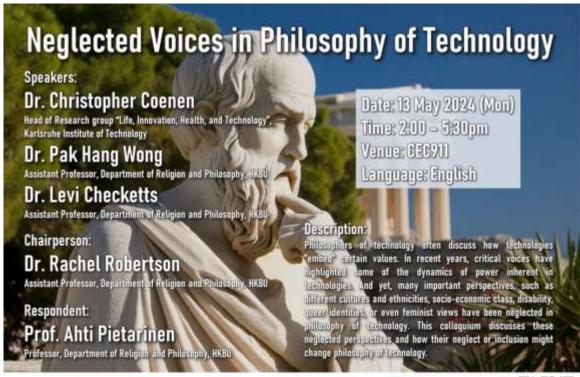
Language: English

Speakers: Dr. Christopher Coenen, Head of Research Group "Life,

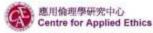
Innovation, Health, and Technology", Karlsruhe Institute of

Technology;

Dr. Pak-hang Wong, Assistant Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University; Dr. Levi Checketts, Assistant Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University













New Research Fellow



Dr. Ann Gillian Chu

MA (Hons) University of Edinburgh MDiv Regent College PhD University of St Andrews

Assistant Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University

I joined the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Hong Kong Baptist University as an Assistant Professor in January 2023. As a Hong Kong native, I completed a Master of Arts (Honours) in English Language from the University of Edinburgh (UK). Subsequently, I graduated with a Master of Divinity from Regent College (Canada), and a Doctor of Philosophy from the School of Divinity at the University of St Andrews (UK). Even though the academic disciplines I studied vary a lot, my academic interest has always been firmly rooted in Hong Kong studies. I wrote my undergraduate dissertation on Hong Kong English, under the supervision of Professor Alice Turk. My master's extended paper was on how Hong Kong theologians understood Stanley Hauerwas' theology in the Hong Kong context, written under the supervision of Professor Jeffrey Greenman. My doctoral thesis, "A Democracy by Any Other Name: Christian Perspectives of Civic and Faith Identity under Non-Democratic Governments Based on Church Discussions in Post-Umbrella Movement Hong Kong," was supervised by Dr John Perry, for which I received the Best Doctoral Thesis Award from the Rev. Dr. Lienhwa Chow Memorial Foundation. I am fascinated by Hong Kong, and have been investigating Hong Kong through different disciplinary perspectives.

My research interests are in Hong Kong Christianities, Lived Theology, Theological Ethics, and Theological Anthropology. My current research project, titled "Left-behind Elderly Parents: The Theology and Social Role of Christian Organizations in Supporting Older Adults in Hong Kong whose Adult Children Migrated through the British National (Overseas) Visa Scheme," investigates how left-behind elderly parents understand their relationship with God and with their children through their Christian faith and Chinese cultural identity; how they experience and deal with the trauma of their children migrating without them; and how Hong Kong Christian organizations support these left-behind elderly parents. This transdisciplinary project involves a diverse team of researchers, including a social worker from Hong Kong Baptist University, as well as a Chinese studies scholar and a historian of religion from the University of Leeds (UK),

where I am a Visiting Research Fellow. This project is also supported by the Psychology Cross-training Fellowship Programme for Theologians, organized by the University of Birmingham and funded by the John Templeton Foundation. I hope this work can inform the Hong Kong SAR government and other Hong Kong-based non-profit faith-based organizations on how they can better support our community.

I have extensive teaching experience, having taught at the University of St Andrews (UK), Regent College (Canada), and Alliance Bible Seminary (HK). The courses I taught include Practical Theology and Theological Ethics, Pastoral Ethics, and Theological English, among others. Additionally, I am a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA), a qualification issued by Advance HE that demonstrates a commitment to professionalism and provides recognition of practice, impact and leadership in teaching and learning. I am interested in training the trainers, having pitched, designed, and delivered writing workshops for the Society for Research into Higher Education (SRHE).

I had an entirely different career prior to pursuing theological studies. I worked as a Chartered Accountant for over a decade, in one of the Big Four accounting firms, the Treasury Department of the Hong Kong SAR Government, and the education sector, respectively. I am a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FCPA), the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA), and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (FCA), and a member of the Professional Development Committee of Association of Women Accountants, Hong Kong (AWAHK). Since I joined our Centre, we have organized several joint online workshops with AWAHK, including "Ethics Series: Applied Ethics and Accountancy - a Conversation," delivered along with our Centre's Research Fellow, Dr Baldwin Wong, and "Ethics Series: Current and Future Ethical Concerns with Artificial Intelligence," delivered along with our Centre's Associate Director, Dr Levi Checketts. I hope to be able to continue to bridge our Centre with industry partners, so that, together, we can deeply think about ethical issues in Hong Kong industrial contexts.

New Research Fellow



Dr. Rachel Siow Robertson

BA (Hons) University of Cambridge MPhil University of Cambridge PhD University of Cambridge

Assistant Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University

Rachel Robertson grew up in Hong Kong and moved to the U.K. for university. She studied her BA (Hons), MPhil, and PhD at the University of Cambridge before working as Director of Studies in Philosophy at St Catharine's College, and as a Research Associate at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion.

Her research and teaching interests are broadly in philosophical anthropology – all things about the human being. For her PhD, she offered a new reading of Immanuel Kant's Critical work, demonstrating the importance of human embodiment for his metaphysics, epistemology, and philosophy of science.

Her current interest is in how making and using technology impacts on our characters, and how in turn our characters might help us to make and use technology well. Her approach is centred around joy, exploring how technology can support us as whole persons in community, rejoicing and flourishing together.

New Research Fellow



Prof. Ahti-Veikko Pietarinen

PhD University of Helsinki

Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University

Prof. Pietarinen Ahti-Veikko (PhD University of Helsinki, 2002) is professor at the Department of Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University, Research Associate of the Centre for Applied Ethics, and member of the University's Transdisciplinary Theoretical and Ethical Artificial Intelligence Lab. Prof. Pietarinen's research on the human and artificial minds and their complexities has been published in over 100 Web of Science journal articles. His research includes emerging human and machine reasoning competences, capabilities, and defects; diverse and creative aspects of cognitions; signs, meanings, and notations; history and philosophy of logic, pragmatism, and Charles Peirce's manuscripts.

At Hong Kong Baptist University, Prof. Pietarinen teaches courses including AI Literacy; Cyberworld Ethics; Philosophy of Technology; Diverse Intelligences; Quest for Truth and Meaning; Problems of Philosophy; Analytic Philosophy; Matters of Life & Death; and other topics. My research interests include Theory and Ethics of Artificial Intelligence; Cognitive Sciences; Logic and Critical Thinking; Clinical Reasoning; History and Philosophy of Science, especially Pragmatism; and Philosophy of Bioengineering.



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抗疫——在倫理道德上我們還可以做什麼?

Fighting the Virus: What more can we do Ethically?

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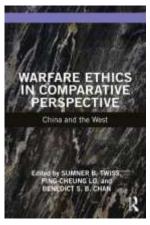
The Ethics of Brian-Computer Interface Technology

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Building Chinese Bioethics in the Time of COVID-19 (《建構中國生命倫理學—大疫當前》), a book published to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Centre for Applied Ethics (CAE), has received a publishing award in the "Life and Popular Science" category at the 4th Hong Kong Publishing Biennial Awards (2023). This publication was co-edited by Professor Ellen Y. Zhang, CAE's former Director and current Research Fellow, Emeritus Professor of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, and Professor Fan Ruiping, CAE's Research Fellow. Joining them as chapter authors are esteemed scholars including Dr Benedict Chan, CAE's current Director, and several other experts in the fields of traditional Chinese philosophy, bioethics, and medical science.



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Conference on "Social and Ethical Issues in AI from an East Asian Perception"

Date: 16-17 October 2024

Time: 09:00 - 18:00

Venue: SWT 501, Council Chamber, Hong Kong Baptist University

Language: English

In recent years, Artificial Intelligence has become a major area of interest and global concern. With the growth of generative AI, large language models, computer vision and other applications come new concerns about the use of AI in commercial, public and private applications. Aware of the host of new challenges and potentials that Artificial Intelligence poses on both a social and individual level, the Centre for Applied Ethics at Hong Kong Baptist University, in collaboration with the Dicastery for Culture and Education, is committed to engaging with persons of good will to promote understandings of AI for the good of all humanity. Previously, North American philosophers and theologians produced the work Encountering Artificial Intelligence: Ethical and Anthropological Investigations. This volume marks the culmination of years of fruitful dialogue and careful investigation.

Concerned about the impact of AI in Asia, we seek to ask the pressing question: what concerns do the peoples of Asia raise in the new context of AI? The richness of Asian philosophies, religions and cultures have much to contribute to the largely Western-favoured discussions of AI ethics. It is also true that economic, ecological, political and international concerns differ in this region compared to North America and Western Europe. Given the global impact of AI, and its importance as a key industry in this region, it is imperative to bring these questions to bear in broader AI ethics conversations.

Hong Kong Baptist University's Centre for Applied Ethics, in collaboration with the Dicastery for Culture and Education's Centre for Digital Culture, is holding a conference on social and ethical issues in AI from an East Asian perception on 16-17 October 2024. We invite scholars from philosophy, religious studies, law, sociology, and computer sciences to engage in dialogue with the aim of producing a statement outlining the concerns raised by AI for the future of this region.

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