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The Thirteenth Symposium on "Bioethics from Chinese Philosophical / Religious Perspectives"

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 twelfth symposium was held in Guangzhou on May 10-12, 2019, at which about 70 scholars and practitioners from various mainland universities, research institution and hospital gave their presentations. 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.

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Generational Conflict and Generational Equity in Elderly Care: From the Perspective of Confucian Ethics

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From a global perspective, generational equity has long been a core issue in pension reform and medical resource allocation. Indeed, discussion of generational equity involves a financial crisis related to pension deficits and the fairness of the pension system, which is a crisis that threatens the ethical foundation of the social insurance institution, i.e., the intergenerational contract. From an ethical perspective, how to reconstruct the intergenerational contract under the pressure of aging is crucial to the debate

on generational equity. This study critically examines the dominant framework of the debate on generational equity and proposes an alternative interpretation framework based on Confucian ethics. Finally, this study argues that Confucian ethics and the interpretation of the intergenerational contract not only shed new light on the issue of generational equity but also provide important policy implications for the current pension system reform in China.

How Does Confucianism View the Procreative Behavior of Marriage? A Legal and Ethical Discussion Triggered by the Problem of Single Women's Frozen Eggs

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In recent years, thanks to the promotion of the status of women and the celebrity effect, the issue of the frozen eggs of single women has become a focus of public opinion, leading to discussion of the reproductive rights of single women in the legal arena. However, single women's frozen eggs are also an ethical issue. The laws and regulations not only involve ethics, but also ethical considerations in the clinical practice of frozen eggs. In today's society, in which the marriage rate and fertility rate continue to decline, many single women choose to freeze their eggs to distinguish between reproductive activities and marriage. It

is worth thinking about the fact that Confucian East Asia has the strictest restrictions and most conservative policy on the use of assisted reproduction. This paper explores how Confucian ethics have a different position on single women's frozen eggs by analyzing how Confucianism views fertility behaviors that are separated from marriage. It argues that although it is certain that a single woman has the right to give birth in the legal dimension, ethically, the procreative behavior of marriage should be taken with caution, as it violates the Confucian ethic of the family order by making parental care more difficult.

The Problem of the Non-transparency of Artificial Intelligence Technologies in Medical Diagnosis: A View Based on Informed Consent

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Since the introduction of artificial intelligence technologies in medical diagnosis, ethical issues have emerged. One of these concerns is the "black box," which can only be seen in terms of inputs and outputs, with no way to understand the AI algorithm. This is problematic because patients, physicians, and

even designers do not understand why or how a treatment recommendation is produced by AI technologies. In this paper, I argue that AI technologies should be explained on the grounds that patients have a right to informed consent.

Scientific and Ethical Thinking about the World's First Gene-edited Infant Event

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This study is based on the announcement by Dr. He Jiankui of Southern University of Science and Technology on November 26, 2018 that a pair of gene-edited babies were born in China in November. It discusses the ethical problems posed by Dr. He's research in CRISPR-based gene editing technology for human embryos, analyzes the scientific and ethical problems in CRISPR/Cas9 technology and choosing CCR5 as the target of anti-AIDS infection, and investigates the feasibility of relevant

research. The fact that human genetic material can be irreversibly transformed into a human gene pool presents a huge risk and an ethical controversy. Therefore, we should strengthen the regulation and supervision of gene editing research at this stage. In this immature phase of technology development, we cannot conduct gene editing research with human germ cells and human embryos at will, especially clinical research.

The Moral Status of a Fetus in Taoism Based on the Theory of Attributes and the Theory of Relationships

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The West generally focuses on whether a fetus is a human being when discussing its moral status. However, a carefully reading of the Taoist scriptures indicates that this question is less important and may not be the best way to consider the status of the fetus in Taoism. Therefore, this study focuses on the Taoist

scriptures, using the approaches of the theory of attributes and the theory of relationships, to determine whether a fetus has a moral status and what it is. It is found that it is not necessary for a fetus to be a human being to have a moral status as an adult. Indeed, in the Taoist scriptures, the definition of a fetus is divided

into two categories: 1. A fetus is a hierophany parallel to the structure of the cosmos, a process of repetitive creation of the cosmos in which gods and goddesses live. Based on the theory of attributes, a fetus has the same sacred attributes as an adult and therefore has the same moral status. 2. A fetus has a relationship with the

mother as enemies and creditors of past lives. Based on the theory of relationships, a fetus has a physical and spiritual relationship closely related to the mother and should therefore have a moral status equal to that of a complete human being.

Dignity of the Human Species, Human Rights, and Autonomy

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Human dignity is a concept with multiple dimensions. Its primary dimension should be the dignity of the human species as a whole. The basis of the dignity of the human species rests on certain essential characteristics of the species, and the moral demand of the dignity of the human species is to maintain and promote these characteristics. In bioethical research, human dignity has often been equated with human rights or autonomy. Some people have even suggested that the concept of human

dignity can be replaced with the concept of human rights or autonomy. However, the analysis of the dignity of the human species and its moral demand shows that human dignity cannot be equated to human rights or autonomy. Instead, it is the basis for human rights and requires restrictions on autonomous behaviors in certain situations. In the face of the ethical challenges posed by new technologies, the dignity of the human species will play a more crucial role in bioethical research.

Tibetan Buddhism and the Development of Ancient Tibetan Medicine

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As a traditional ethnic medicine with a long history, Tibetan medicine still has great clinical value today. Tibetan Buddhism played an extremely important role during the development of Tibetan medicine. Closely related to the introduction of ancient Indian Ayurvedic medicine to Tibet, Tibetan Buddhism laid the foundation of the basic theory of the balance between the three factors and seven substances of Tibetan medicine. The celestial burial ceremony

was convenient for anatomical research, and the emphasis on medical knowledge during the education of monks further promoted the development of Tibetan medical education. However, Tibetan Buddhism also introduced special religious characteristics to traditional Tibetan medicine and has had complex influence on the long-term development of ancient Tibetan medicine.

Between AI Doctor and Patient: The Logic of AI Diagnosis and its Impact on Patient Subjectivity

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Applying AI in medical contexts, especially for diagnosis, has become very popular in recent years. AI has the potential to make diagnosis more efficient and accurate, improving the overall quality of medical diagnosis and making medical provisions fairer and more effective. Combining the logic of AI with that of modern Western medical diagnosis, it is to some extent intuitive to imagine AI physicians. However, even in its ideal form, AI technology has intrinsic limitations that will prevent it from completely replacing physicians. Although AI can help physicians and patients to develop their own agency, it may strike at the core of physician-patient interaction: generating meaning and constructing personhood/ subjectivity. How can we make best use of

the efficiency of AI diagnosis while avoiding its potential negative influence? There needs to be a powerful theoretical rejoinder to the fundamental logic of AI diagnosis. It is not enough to deal with specific issues within the realm already delimited by AI diagnosis technology. This paper highlights the need to incorporate the way of thinking of traditional Chinese medical diagnosis and the Confucian theory of "the way of becoming a person." Both are important theoretical resources that can be used to counterbalance the way of thinking of modern Western medicine and modern Western philosophy, which emphasize subjectivity. On this basis, the relationship between technology and the humanities can be re-examined.

A Confucian Perspective on the Development of AI Diagnostic Technology

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Cheng's article argues that AI diagnosis and its logic, which are based on Western medical thought and Western philosophy, obstruct the generation of meaning and construction of personhood for both doctors and patients. The article maintains that we should thus engage in introspection on AI in based on other traditions

of thought, such as Confucianism. However the article does not provide a deeper interpretation of why Confucianism is particularly helpful in constructing personhood and realizing value in life in the context of medical practice. This article is a response to Cheng's argument and suggests directions for refinement.

Challenges and Responses: The Physician—Patient Relationship in the AI Era

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AI physicians may replace human physicians in the foreseeable future. This, according to some philosophers, would maximize patients' autonomy by helping to eradicate the paternalistic model of the doctor-patient relationship. In my view, however, this trend might pose a new threat to patients' autonomy: the domination of machines. AI physicians would become dominant, depriving patients of their autonomy. This issue cannot be

appropriately addressed until an alternative view of the doctor—patient relationship is available. The Confucian perspective on this relationship may be helpful. In Confucian thought, interaction between the physician and the patient is crucial. Thus, a better model would involve doctors, patients and AI devices, with AI-based diagnosis helping doctors to serve patients as efficiently as possible.

Reflections on AI Doctors

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It is illogical to argue that AI doctors will inevitably replace human doctors in the near future, particularly in the field of clinical diagnosis. Medical AI will never possess the legal and moral agency of human doctors; nor is it capable of providing the psychological counseling and humanistic care offered by human doctors and nurses. However, although AI will not replace caregivers, those who use AI will probably replace those who do not.

Bridging the Meaning Gap between the AI Doctor and Patient — The Logic of AI Diagnosis and its Impact on Patient Subjectivity

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There is a gap in meaning between the AI physician and patient, relating to the generation of meaning and the construction of personality. Bridging this gap in meaning has become an unavoidable problem when rethinking the application of AI technology in the medical field. Only when the construction of patients' subjectivity turns from practical to ethical thought can we fully demonstrate the core of physician—patient interaction; that is, the

generation of meaning and the construction of personality. Only then, facing the life world itself, starting with ethics, relationships, emotions, etc., can we connect the AI physician with the patient. The replacement of human physicians by AI physicians is neither technologically inevitable nor philosophically viable. Both technology and philosophy have the possibility of a logical turn.

On the Ethical Problems of AI Diagnostic Technology Protection

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There are two main theoretical frameworks for discussion of the ethical problems of AI diagnostic technology: consequential theory and deontology. From the perspective of consequential theory, it is impossible for AI diagnostic technology to qualitatively surpass a doctor's diagnosis, due to the former's inferior intelligence. However, if AI can achieve rapid and efficient diagnoses while ensuring patient

subjectivity, there is no reason why it should not replace physician diagnosis. The deontological perspective offers four options in response to strong AI. In any case, our bottom line should be to guard the subjectivity of patients and healthy people. AI may take the place of traditional diagnosis and treatment, and even of doctors, but it should not do so at the expense of the subjectivity of patients and healthy people.

A Value Turn and Ethical Order Reconstruction in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

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This paper comments on the article "Between AI Physician and Patient: The Logic of AI Diagnosis and its Impact on Patient Subjectivity." The article's content is clear and its expression is precise. However, due to the theme and focus of the article and limitations on space, it does not thoroughly analyze the problems with AI and its potential combination with traditional Chinese culture. For example, it does not consider the ethical relationship

between AI and human beings; Confucianism, personality and emotion after the formation of AI self-consciousness; the development of the role of AI doctors; temporary disability and patients' primary status in health care; the social environment, rights and obligations of disabled persons and patients with chronic diseases; or the interaction between genetic editing and life sciences. There is still much room to pursue these challenging directions for research.

Looking Ahead: Relationships between AI Doctors and Patients

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The last few years have witnessed huge growth in the capabilities and applications of AI. The applications of AI in medical and clinical settings are also expanding at an unprecedented rate. AI is expected to help solve many medical and diagnostic problems and support well-being and health; however, concerns are also growing about the potential for AI doctors to undermine the traditional doctor—patient relationship. The article by Guobin Chen et al. provides a systematic analysis of this issue, to which the current paper is a response. The target article

has two main parts. First, it seeks to determine whether the "significance" and "meaning" of the doctor—patient relationship will be eroded, or even eliminated, by AI technologies. Second, it discusses the difference between the Western emphasis on autonomous agents and the Chinese "Dao of completing and perfecting oneself" (cheng-ren zhi dao), and points out that it is very important to recognize this distinction when providing an alternative Chinese approach to the relationship between the AI doctor and patient.

The Promise and Perils of AI in Medicine

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What does Artificial Intelligence (AI) have to contribute to health care? And what should we be looking out for if we are worried about its risks? In this paper we offer a survey, and initial evaluation, of hopes and fears about the applications of artificial intelligence in medicine. AI clearly has enormous potential as a research tool, in genomics and public health especially, as well as a diagnostic aid. It's also highly likely to impact on the organisational and business practices of healthcare systems in ways that are perhaps under-appreciated. Enthusiasts for AI have held out the prospect that it will free physicians up to spend more time attending to what really matters to them and their patients. We will argue that this claim depends upon implausible assumptions about the

institutional and economic imperatives operating in contemporary healthcare settings. We will also highlight important concerns about privacy, surveillance, and bias in big data, as well as the risks of over trust in machines, the challenges of transparency, the deskilling of healthcare practitioners, the way AI reframes healthcare, and the implications of AI for the distribution of power in healthcare institutions. We will suggest that two questions, in particular, are deserving of further attention from philosophers and bioethicists. What does care look like when one is dealing with data as much as people? And, what weight should we give to the advice of machines in our own deliberations about medical decisions?

Data Rationality, Data Discourse and Data Domination: The Power of the Data Medical Model to Erase Humans

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This paper proposes that we should be alert to the power of data rationality in AI medical treatment, as data rationality may be disguised as "truth" to exclude other explanations. We should be alert to the discursive power of data knowledge in AI medical treatment, i.e., the potential for AI to replace doctors' knowledge and exclude other traditional knowledge by constructing new knowledge content, objects

and rules. We should be aware of the possibility of AI data domination, namely the use of digitalization to monitor, discipline and coerce patients. We should also be alert to the alienating effect of the "data medical mode," which can erase people with data. Therefore, we should avoid a data monopoly, medical dependence on AI and the privatization of AI.

Medical AI: A Dance between Data Utilization and Privacy Protection

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At present, the development of AI depends on three core elements: high-quality data, accurate algorithms and sufficient computing power. New technologies represented by big data, cloud computing and AI are exerting a significant impact on traditional data protection. Individuals' control over their personal data is weakening, data protection is becoming more difficult, and traditional measures of privacy protection are at risk of failure. These are the

most representative problems in the conflict between the development of new technology and privacy protection. A new legal and ethical framework that values humans' physical safety, health and dignity should be established and deeply integrated into the entire life cycle of the design, production and application of medical AI. Based on this premise, effort should be made to promote the development of medical AI for the benefit of mankind.

Need for Caution in Promoting AI

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Robert Sparrow's critical reflection on the growing enthusiasm for applying AI to medicine is timely and deeply thought provoking. Despite AI's apparent benefits, its potential to restructure medical practice, the doctor—patient relationship

and, more generally, human values in the long term give us every reason to be cautious. Before AI is fully embraced, its potential perils should be carefully considered.

Possible Responses to the Problem of Responsibility

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The ultimate result of AI medicine may be the birth of "Dr. Super AI." Dr. Super AI would not only supplement medical care, but also acquire a level of autonomy. Its capacity for reason would be much greater than that of most human doctors, but it would not possess certain intrinsic characteristics of human beings, so it would fall somewhere between "machine" and "human." This raises an important question:

if such an agent makes mistakes, who or what is responsible? This paper argues that this "responsibility gap" is not insurmountable. If the types of mistakes made by Dr. Super AI can be distinguished, we can find the corresponding object of responsibility. This is a viable countermeasure, at least until AI robots have developed human emotions and moral awareness.

The Discursive Paradox of AI Criticism

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In the dominant discourse of the "humanmachine relationship," people and machines are the subjects, with a mutually shaping influence. However, this framework neglects the crux of the current critical analysis of AI. It reduces the problems with new technology to the relationship between people and machines, ignoring the reshaping of the relationship between "people and people" in the era of new technology. This simplification may mislead policy and legal regulations for new technologies. Why would a robot killing cause more panic than a murder committed by a human? Why is a robot's misdiagnosis more troubling than a doctor's? Why do patients assume that machines make more accurate diagnoses than doctors? When a medical accident occurs, who is responsible for the mistakes of an intelligent medical system? In the framework of traditional professionalism, the relationship between doctors and patients, whether trusted or not, is based on the premise that doctors have specialized knowledge that patients do not possess. Therefore, the authority

of a doctor is the authority of knowledge. In the age of intelligence, do machines provide information or knowledge? Can this strengthen or weaken the authority of doctors? It is likely that in the age of intelligence, the professionalism, authority and trustworthiness of doctors require a new knowledge base. Therefore, the de-skilling of doctors is not an issue of individual doctors, but demands an update of the knowledge of the entire industry. Recognizing this, policy makers must not focus solely on the use of machines, but take a wider perspective, considering how to promote the development of doctors and coordinate the relationship between doctors with different levels of knowledge development. We often ask, "In the era of intelligence, what defines a human?" This philosophical thinking should be directed toward not only the difference between machines and people as individuals, but also how the relationship between human beings, i.e., the social nature of humans, evolves in different technological environments. In short, this commentary stresses that a "good" machine or an "evil" machine—beyond the sci-fi romance of such discourse—reflects the evolution of the relationships between people. In today's smart age, the critical issue is not the relationship between people and machines. It is how people adjust their relationships with other people as machines become necessary tools in life. In the era of intelligence, therefore, our legislation, policy and ethical discussion should resume their focus on evolutionary relationships between people.

AI's Moral Overload: Who Should Define the Ethical Boundaries of AI?

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An irreconcilable conflict between "humanistic rationality" and "technological rationality" is becoming increasingly evident. AI, as the representative of technological rationality today, is suffering from "moral overload." Therefore, who should define the ethical boundaries of

AI and who should solve the problem of moral overload have become the most important questions. This paper analyzes an article entitled "The Promise and Perils of AI in Medicine" by Robert Sparrow and Joshua Hatherley, sharing with you some views on AI in the medical field.

Conference on "Western-Chinese Ethics of War and Peace"

This conference was co-organized by the Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Life, University of Virginia, and Centre for Applied Ethics, Hong Kong Baptist University on Dec 6 and Dec 7, 2019 at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA.

The conference was organized to continue the conference series started by the Centre for Applied Ethics of Hong Kong Baptist University promoting dialogue between Chinese and Western scholars on ethics of war and peace; this is the 7th event of the series. Both civilian and military scholars, from China and from the English-speaking world, were invited to meet and have dialogue in this conference. The committee would also seek post-conference publication so as to enrich research findings in this field of study.

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Western-East Asian Ethics of War and Peace

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Stoic Grit and Moral Injury						
		Nancy Sherman (Georgetown University)				
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		Barney Twiss (Florida State University)				
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	A Surv	ey of 21st Century PLA Scholarship on the Role of Military Ethics in Warfare**				
		Mark Metcalf (University of Virginia)				
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Hong Kong Political Ethics Lecture 1: When the Way does not prevail: My philosophical reflections on the current situation of Hong Kong

(香港政治倫理系列(一): 天下無道──我對當前局勢的政治哲學反思)

Date: 31 Oct 2019 (Thu)

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Venue: University Chapel, Ho Sin Hang Campus, HKBU

Language: Cantonese

Speakers: Prof. Joseph Chan (陳祖為教授), Professor, Department of Politics and Public

Administration, The University of Hong Kong

Attendance: 243



Hong Kong Political Ethics Lecture 2: Just War, Just Resistance, Just Policing

(香港政治倫理系列(二): 正義戰爭、正義抗爭、正義執法)

Date: 7 Nov 2019 (Thu)

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Venue: University Chapel, Ho Sin Hang Campus, HKBU

Language: Cantonese

Speakers: Prof. Lo Ping Cheung, Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, and

Director, Centre for Applied Ethics, Hong Kong Baptist University

Attendance: 173



New Research Fellows

Dr. Eirik Lang Harris

BA PPE Pomona College, MA University of California, MA University of Michigan, PhD University of Utah

Associate Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy

I work in the fields of political philosophy, ethics, and philosophy of law, with a focus on the early Chinese tradition, especially Confucian and Legalist views on the relationship between morality and politics. And,



while I find these thinkers fascinating in their own right, one of the main goals of my research is to demonstrate that the ideas of these early Chinese thinkers can illuminate many contemporary philosophical debates and contribute meaningfully to discussions in contemporary political philosophy and ethics.

I have published a dozen or so articles and book chapters on Chinese and comparative political philosophy and ethics, and recently published a book with Columbia University press on the little known Chinese thinker Shen Dao 慎到, entitled, *The Shenzi Fragments: A Philosophical Analysis and Translation and co-edited a special issue of The Philosophical Forum* on "The Philosophy of Mozi".

Currently I am working on several projects, including a special issue of *Culture and Dialogue* on "Confucianism: Comparisons and Controversies", a monograph *Explaining and Illustrating* the Laozi: *The Earliest Commentaries on the* Daodejing with Eric L. Hutton for Oxford University Press, a co-edited collection, *Adventures in Chinese Realism: Classic Philosophy Applied to Contemporary Issues*, and a book on *Political Meritocracy in Early China* for Cambridge University Press.

My first exposure to philosophy came as an undergraduate PPE (Philosophy, Politics, & Economics) major. I was drawn first into ethics and political philosophy as I looked for answers to the questions I had about how I should live my life – both as an individual and as a member of a broader community. I initially entered graduate school to more deeply examine these questions from within the Western framework, but over time became more and more interested in better understanding the various answers that a wide range of Chinese thinkers provided. This led me, after receiving an MA in philosophy, to get another MA in Asian Languages & Cultures and then spend a year each at Tsinghua University in Beijing and National Taiwan University in Taipei. This was followed by my return to a philosophy department, where I received my PhD for a dissertation examining the appropriate role that morality should play in the political sphere and focused on the ideas of Xunzi 奇子 and Han Feizi 韓非子.

My teaching interests include Chinese and comparative philosophy, ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of law, and philosophy of religion. I am also particularly interested in the ways in which critical thinking and reasoning can be applied to students' lives in areas far from philosophy, and my GE courses focus on providing my student with a toolkit of allowing them to be think and reason more clearly in all areas of their lives.

Before moving to Baptist U, I taught at Santa Clara University in California, Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea, and CityU, here in Hong Kong.

New Research Fellows

Dr. Mary Jean Walker

BA(Hon) University of Sydney, PhD Macquarie University Research Assistant Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy

I joined HKBU in August 2019. My research interests are in bioethics, philosophy of medicine, and personal identity.



I grew up in Canberra, Australia, and studied philosophy at the University of Sydney (undergraduate) and Macquarie University (PhD).

My doctoral work examined psychological continuity and narrative theories of personal identity. Since then, I have undertaken research in areas of bioethics and philosophy of medicine.

I have been lucky to work with excellent philosophers and bioethicists on projects on overdiagnosis and defining disease (with Professor Wendy Rogers at Macquarie), and emerging technology bioethics (with Professor Rob Sparrow at Monash). As part of the latter project, I was able to work on a few different projects, including work with amputees on how prosthetic limb design can be made more inclusive, and how concepts of the body could be altered by advancing technological capacities to make artificial organs. I have also developed research on the epistemology of surgery, therapeutic goods regulation, and drug policy.

In between these activities, I have also obtained a Certificate in Classical Voice from the Australian Institute of Music, worked for several years in health policy, and taught at a number of Australian universities including the University of Wollongong, the Australian Catholic University, Macquarie University and Charles Sturt University. I have taught courses on critical thinking, introduction to philosophy, ethics, applied ethics, and (at HKBU) matters of life and death and public health ethics.



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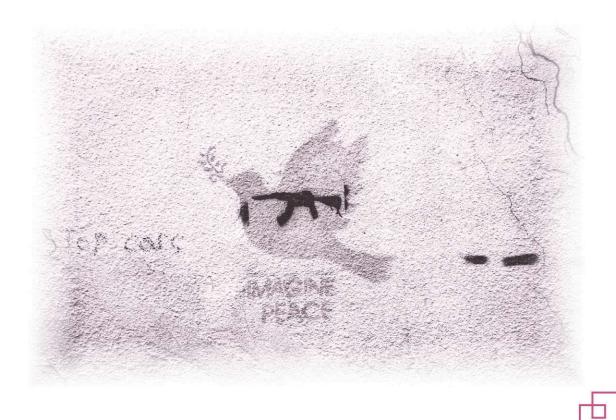
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Conference on "Ethics of War and Peace in Chinese Thought"

The HKBU Centre for Applied Ethics will co-organize "Conference on Ethics of War and Peace in Chinese Thought" with the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, Florida State University, to be held in Tallahassee in late 2020.

The conference will be organized to continue the conference series started by the Centre for Applied Ethics of Hong Kong Baptist University promoting dialogue between Chinese and Western scholars on ethics of war and peace; this is the 8th event of the series. Both civilian and military scholars, from China and from the English-speaking world, will be invited to meet and have dialogue in this conference.



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