

## **World Philosophies Series Workshop**

**29-30 June 2015**

**SOAS – University of London**

**(Room 4426)**

The papers discussed at the workshop will form part of the inaugural volume for the *World Philosophies Series*, published by Mimesis International. The Workshop and individual papers will address three main sets of questions intended to provide the focus for the intellectual content of the workshop and which will set the research agenda for future publications:

1. Can a given philosophical tradition - and different historical schools of thought within it - in principle, be considered open towards other traditions? What historical signs/manifestations are there of this openness/dialogue or, perhaps, of closure/hindrance towards other traditions?
2. Are there any methodological tools internal to a given tradition/school of thought which could enhance openness and dialogue towards other traditions? How can these methodologies be developed so as to be more effective? Given the relevance of both 'religion' and 'culture' in the formation of philosophical traditions/schools of thought, and the clear connection between 'philosophy, culture and religion', what contribution have both 'religion' and 'culture' provided to either the openness or hindrance of them? [The use of local/specific terminology might be appropriate here, for the translation of 'religion' and 'culture'].
3. Notwithstanding the existential differences within and between traditions and the conflictual power derived from social, historical and political tensions operating in these spheres, can different philosophical traditions build upon their own practices of collective philosophising and mutual philosophical understanding? Could these practices be said to be following patterns of a "shared philosophical methodology"?

## Workshop Timetable

### Monday, 29 June

**9.00-9.30** Welcome and Introduction

**9.30-11.00** *Theoretical and Methodological Issues* - Chair: **Alena Rettová**

1. **Monika Kirloskar-Steinbach** *Comparative Philosophy as a Philosophy of Practice*
2. **Giovanni Leghissa** *Global Philosophy as a New Foundation of the Encyclopaedia*
3. **Cosimo Zene** *World Philosophies in Dialogue: A Shared Wisdom?*

**11.00-11.30** Coffee Break

**11.30-13.00** *Theoretical/Methodological Issues & Japanese Philosophy* - Chair: **Tullio Lobetti**

1. **Jonardon Ganeri** *Cosmopolitan Philosophy in a Culturally Polycentric World*
2. **Marcello Ghilardi** *Dialogue beyond Dialectics: Steps to an Ethics of Translation*
3. **Takeshi Morisato** *Metanoesis in Japanese Philosophy: A Way to the Open Community of World Philosophies*

**13.00-14.00** Lunch

**14.00-16.00** *Islamic and South Asian Philosophies* - Chair: **Ulrich Rudolph**

1. **Roman Seidel** *Towards an integrated “Intellectual History” and “Comparative Philosophy” approach to the Study of Contemporary Philosophy in the Modern Middle East*
2. **Jan-Peter Hartung** *Saving Religion? — The Uneasy Engagement of Contemporary Indo-Muslim Thinkers with Western Philosophical Alternatives*
3. **Carool Kersten** *Weak Thought, Nihilism and Muslim Hermeneutics of Alterity*
4. **Brian Black** *Dialogue as a Philosophical Method of Inquiry in Indian Traditions*

**16.00-16.30** Coffee Break

**16.30-18.00** General discussion - Chair: **Cosimo Zene**  
Composition and Aims of the Editorial Board

**19.00** Dinner

## Tuesday, 30 June

### 9.30-11.00 *African Philosophy* - Chair: **Giovanni Leghissa**

1. **Albert Kasanda** *African Intercultural Philosophy: Nature and Perspectives*
2. **Alena Rettová** *Being Human and Time: On the Situatedness of Philosophy*
3. **Benedetta Lanfranchi** *Euphrase Kezilahabi's Idea of Time in African Philosophy and the Problem of Literary Interpretation in a Comparative Perspective*

### 11.00-11.30 **Coffee Break**

### 11.30-12.30 *Māori Philosophy* - Chair: **Jonardon Ganeri**

1. **Georgina Stewart** *Developing a Kaupapa Māori philosophy of education*
2. **Carl Mika** *The problem of the 'claim': Thing- and selfhood in Māori philosophy*

### 12.30-13.30 **Lunch**

### 13.30-14.30 *Latin American Philosophy* - Chair: **Monika Kirloskar-Steinbach**

1. **Susana Neccetelli** *Debate about the quality of Latin American philosophy*
2. **Renzo Llorente** *Latin American Philosophy: Thinking in the Shadow of Domination*

### 14.30-15.30 *General Discussion* - Chair: **Tullio Lobetti**

### 15.30-16.00 **Coffee Break**

### 16.00-17.30 Rationale/Title and structure of the *Inaugural Volume*

Creation of a possible 'Centre/Institute for World Philosophies'

Planning an 'Introduction to World Philosophies' Series (*Living Philosophies*) – for Secondary School and 1<sup>st</sup> Year BA students

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### 19.00 **Dinner**

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Our colleague **Yang Guorong**, who cannot attend the workshop, sent nevertheless his paper: "World Philosophy: A Perspective of Philosophical Investigation" [see in attachment].