

The 13th Annual Meeting of The Comparative & Continental Philosophy Circle



**April 5 – April 7, 2018
Bath, Somerset, United Kingdom**

Sponsored by The College of Liberal Arts, Bath Spa University



**Meeting in association with the Fourth
Bath Spa Annual Colloquium for Global
Philosophy and Religion**

(The Eagle and the Serpent, Setsuko Aihara)

All lectures will take place in the Commons Building (CM) at Bath Spa University, Newton Park Campus. A map of the campus can be found [here](#):

<https://www.bathspa.ac.uk/media/bathspaacuk/be-bath-spa/transport/map-newton-park.pdf>

(For US participants, please note that rooms starting with a 1 are on the 2nd floor, rooms starting with a 2 are on the 3rd floor. Silly Europeans.)

Getting to us

Please see Bath Spa Website info on getting to our campus:

<https://www.bathspa.ac.uk/about-us/find-us/>

The nearest **train/coach station** to us is Bath Spa Station (the two stations are next to each other in the centre of town).

Buses from town to campus run (U5 and U6) a less regular service outside term time.

You can order a **local taxi** from Bath taxi firm V Cars on (0044) 1225 464646 (If calling from a UK number 01225 464646).

Uber is often available but not guaranteed.

From London airports

You can take a trains or coach from London airports to Bath Spa Station. Please note that if you travel by train you will usually have to travel via London. The following websites can be used to book in advance. Please note that tickets for national travel are much more expensive when booked on/near the day.

For coaches:

<https://www.nationalexpress.com/en>

For trains via London:

<http://trainline.com>

From Bristol Airport

A regular airport flyer runs from Bristol Airport, but please check times.

<https://www.airdecker.com/book-ticket/>

<https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/to-and-from-the-airport/bus-and-coach>

A taxi from the airport to Bath in normal working hours will cost around £30-£35. It will be significantly more expensive during rush hour.

Hilton Hotel

The nearest bus stop to the University is on Avon Street Bath, where you can catch the U5 to campus. You can also catch the bus from the central bus station.

The hotel address is Hilton Bath City, Walcot St, Bath BA1 5BJ.

WIFI:

Eduroam is available on campus

You can also access our guest wifi by signing up from your device

Contact:

If you have any major issues or concerns during the conference please contact

Sarah Flavel on 0044 7495060455 (from a UK number, 074950060455)



Key	
① Oak Tree Day Nursery	VR Visitor Reception
② Michael Tippett Centre (MT)	SID Student Information Desk
③ Refectory and Santander	= Security
④ Stewards Lodge (SL)	B Bus Stop
⑤ Library (LY)	P Parking
⑥ East Wing Coffee Shop	♿ Disabled Parking
⑦ Main House (MH)	🚲 Cycle Parks
⑧ Dairy (DY)	🚲 Nextbike Point
⑨ Students' Union (SU)	🔌 Electric Vehicle Charging Point
⑩ Vinery	☕ Refreshments
⑪ Walled Garden	🚿 Washroom
⑫ Sophia (SO)	🧺 Laundrette
⑬ Stable (ST)	📧 Post Room
⑭ University Theatre (UT)	🏥 Student Support/Doctors Surgery
	🏟 Sports Pitches
	A Amphitheatre
	🏧 Cash Machine
	🚭 Smoking Shelter

Teaching Buildings	
② Michael Tippett Centre (MT)	
⑭ Commons (CM)	
⑮ Twiverton (TN)	
⑯ Compton (CP)	
⑰ Ashton (AN)	
⑱ University Theatre (UT)	
⑲ Newton (NE)	
⑳ Stanton (SN)	
㉑ Twinhoe (TE)	
㉒ Corston (CN)	
㉓ Castle (CE)	
㉔ Wellow (WE)	
㉕ Gatehouse (GH)	

Residences	
A	Hiscocks
B	Harington
C	Temple House
D	Temple
E	Langton
F	Sydney
G	Pope
H	Gore House
I	Beech
J	Chestnut
K	Elm
L	Maple
M	Holly
N	Lime
O	Oak
P	Redwood
Q	Walnut

Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 5

Opening – 6PM Room: Commons (CM) 107/108

CCPC Greetings and Announcements

Jason M. Wirth, Seattle University, Co-Executive Director

Andrew Whitehead, Kennesaw State University, Associate Executive Director

Sarah Flavel, Bath Spa University, Associate CCPC Director

Plenary Session

The Compass Award Presentation / **David Jones**, Kennesaw State University

Under the Circumstances, What Are We to Do Now? / **Graham Parkes**, University of Vienna, Austria; and East China Normal University, People's Republic of China

Poetry Reading - 7.15pm

David Pollard

Followed by RECEPTION at 8pm outside CM107/108

Friday

From 8.30 am tea/coffee in CM.135

9:00-10:30 am. April 6

A (CM.107)

I Am Manifestations of Values: Plato's and Buddhist Recipes for Identity Construction

Presenter: **Chiara Robbiano**, Utrecht University, Netherlands

Presenter: **Shalini Sinha**, University of Reading, UK

B (CM.108)

Daoism and Contemporary Arts Practice/ **Sarah Flavel and Robert Luzar**, Bath Spa University, UK

"Scale Relative Ontology" and Simone Weil's Religious Philosophy / **Noel E. Boulting**, Noboss, UK

C (CM.134)

Micro and Macro Philosophy / **Thorsten Botz-Bornstein**, Gulf University, Kuwait

Is Philosophy Western? Critical Reviews of Continental Views / **Bret W. Davis**, Loyola University Maryland, USA

Friday 10:45-12:15

A (CM.107)

A New Socratic Dialogue on Making "Nothing" Useful / **Yi Chen**, Bond University, Australia and **Boris Steipe**, University of Toronto, Canada

Open Passages: Thinking Between *Wuwei* and *Gelassenheit* in Dōgen and Heidegger / **Brian Schroeder**, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA

B (CM.108)

The Mythic Ground of Contemporary Monasticism in Romania / **Alina N. Feld**, General Theological Seminary and Hofstra University, USA

Can the Gods Return? Taking Polytheism Seriously in Philosophy of Religion / **Edward McDougall** / Durham University, UK

C (CM.134)

The Self Without Character: Melville's *Confidence Man* and Murakami's *Kafka on the Shore* / **Jason Wirth**, Seattle University, USA

Recollections of the Good: Socrates in the Wasteland/ **Timothy Jussaume**, Saint Leo University, USA

LUNCH 12:15-1:30

Lunch served in CM135

Friday 1:30-2:30 room: CM107/108

Plenary Session

Introduction

Jason Wirth, Seattle University, USA

Interpreting the "Sense" of Music

James Risser, Seattle University, USA

Friday 2:45-4:15

A (CM.107)

The Rhythmically Open Body, Dynamic Coupling, and the Resonant Mind / **Bradley Park**, St. Mary's College of Maryland, USA

Bodies That Matter: Giorgio Agamben and the Politics of Possibility / **Walter Brogan**, Villanova University, USA

B (CM.108)

Zhuangzi's Anti-Imperialism / **D. H. B. Kwek**, University of Konstanz, Germany

*Peering Beyond the Limit: Indirect Communication and Subversive Critique in Zhuangzi / **Joshua Avery Dawson**, Loyola Marymount University, USA

C (CM.134)

Nothing Arcane about “Arcane Learning”: Demystifying Nature via Schelling’s Philosophy of Art (A comparative approach of Classical Chinese philosophy with Schelling) / **Jennifer Liu**, University of Washington, USA

The Laboratory of Nature: Series and Folds in Schelling’s *First Outline of a System of the Philosophy of Nature* (1799) / **Tilottama Rajan**, University of Western Ontario, Canada

Friday 4:30-6

A (CM.107)

On Becoming a Revolutionary World Subject: Some Foucauldian Remarks on the Writings of Bhagat Singh / **Arun Iyer**, Indian Institute of Technology, India

Foucault’s Milieu / **Steven DeCaroli**, Goucher College, USA

B (CM.108)

Author-Meets-Readers:

Eric S. Nelson’s Chinese and Buddhist Philosophy in early Twentieth-Century German Thought

Chair and Presenter: **David Chai**, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Presenter: **Bret W. Davis**, Loyola University Maryland, USA

Respondent: **Eric S. Nelson**, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong

C (CM.134)

Toward a Fuller Intersubjectivity: ‘We’ in Korean / **Hye Young Kim**, École Normale Supérieure, France/ Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Friendship in an Unfriendly World / **James J. Winchester**, Georgia College and State University, USA

Evening RECEPTION 6.15 pm

Staff Common Room Floor 2, Commons Building (CM)

Saturday 9:00-10:30 April 7

A (CM.107)

A Phenomenology of Walking: Treading Lightly on the Earth / **David Wood**, Vanderbilt University, USA

On the Way: A Material Phenomenology of the Road / **Brian Seitz**, Babson College, USA

B (CM.108)

Buddhism in the Presence of Anger / **Sokthan Yeng**, Adelphi University, USA

Promethean Shame and Other Purposeful Exaggerations: Günther Anders, Technology, and Human Obsolescence / **Timothy H. Engström**, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA

C (CM.134)

Climate Change Panel

Chair: **David Jones**, Kennesaw State University, USA

Will to Power and *Wuwei*: Nietzsche, Daoism and the Problem of Climate Change /
Timothy J. Freeman, University of Hawaii at Hilo, USA

Klimasophia--A Comparative Approach to Climate Change and Existentialist Philosophy
/ **Martin Schonfeld**, University of South Florida, USA

Saturday 10:45-12:15

A (CM.107)

Kuleana and Immunity in Hawaiian Ethical Thought / **Christopher Lauer**, University of Hawaii at Hilo, USA

White Anti-Racism and Buddhist Soteriology: Moral-Phenomenological Reflections / **Jessica Locke**, Loyola University Maryland, USA

B (CM.108)

David Jones' The Fractal Self

Moderator: **Jason Wirth**, Seattle University, USA

Presenter: **Timothy H. Engström**, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA

Presenter: **Martin Schonfeld**, University of South Florida, USA

Respondent: **David Jones**, Kennesaw State University, USA

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"No Gaining Ideas": (Non) Striving for the Absolute, Romantic Irony and Zen Koans / **Karolin Mirzakhani**, DePaul University, USA

"Adoro quia ignoro" (I revere because I don't know): Cusanus, Dōgen, Nishida, and Panikkar / **Michiko Yusa**, Western Washington University, USA

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Lunch served in CM135

Saturday 1:30-3

A (CM.107)

Ricoeur's Little Ethics and Chinese Philosophy / **Joshua Mason** / West Chester University of Pennsylvania, USA

The Logic of Non-Duality in Meister Eckhart / **Sean J. McGrath**, Memorial University, Canada

B (CM.108)

Blake's Illustrations to the Book of Job as Commentary / **David Pollard**, UK

Gadamer, Emerson and Inner and Outer Dialogue / **William Konchak**, University of Iceland, Iceland

C (CM.134)

Culture as the Completion of Nature: Fūdo as Philosophical Concept / **David W. Johnson**, Boston College, USA

Philosophy and Philology - Hermeneutic Mechanism in the Evolution of "Gewu" / **Xiao Ouyang**, University College Cork, Republic of Ireland

Saturday 3:15-4:45

A (CM.107)

Love and Compassion: Are They the Same Thing? / **Bill Martin**, DePaul University, USA

Pleasure (*sukha*), Bliss (*prīti*), Rejoicing (*muditā*): Varieties of Joy in Indian Buddhist Moral Thought / **Stephen Harris**, Leiden University, Netherlands

B (CM.108)

What Does It Really Mean to 'Diversify' Philosophy? A Call for Structural Change / **Leah Kalmanson**, Drake University, USA

Reluctant Comparativity: Samkara and Owen Barfield in Contemporary Contexts / **Martin Ovens**, University of Oxford, UK

C (CM.134)

Phenomenology of Arts and Crafts: East-West Perspectives

The Role of (non-) Space in Sculpture: Heidegger, Daoism, and the Meontological Aesthetic Encounter / **David Chai**, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

A Daoist Hermeneutic: Zhuangzi and Gadamer on Reading and Listening / **Sarah Mattice**, University of North Florida, USA

Saturday 5-6:30

A (CM.107)

Aesthetics of Breathing / **Rolf Elberfeld**, University in Hildesheim, Germany

The Implications of Schelling's Metaphysics of Contingency for Phenomenology / **Kyla Bruff**, Memorial University, Canada

B (CM.108)

Imagination and Critique: A Cross-Cultural Approach

Presenter: **Andrew K. Whitehead**, Kennesaw State University, USA

Presenter: **Julia Jansen**, KU Leuven-University of Leuven, Belgium

C (CM. 134)

On the Impossibility of the Beginning in Hegel's Science of Logic / **Brigita Gelžinytė**, Vilnius University, Lithuania

From Nothing, the World Comes Forth – Originary Thinking as an Auseinandersetzung with the Basho of Nothingness: or Toward A Transcendental-Existential Account of Pure "Religious Ethical Consciousness" in Cassirer, Heidegger, and Nishida / **Steve Lofts**, King's University College at Western University, Canada

Coach to evening gathering from outside Bath Spa Library
(the coach will leave at 6.45 promptly)

Evening GATHERING with canapes

Bath Brew House from 7pm

Drinks area at brewery tables

14 James Street West, Bath BA1 2BX