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in the 21st Century

Handbook

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

I. Registration Information

- 1.Registration Date and Venue:** June 28, 2024; in the hotel Lobby
- 2.Accomodation:** Xueren Dasha Hotel, located on the Central Campus of Shandong University, Jinan.
- 3.Dining:** Meals will be served buffet style at the resaurant on the first floor of the hotel.

II. Conference Venue Information

- 1.Conference Room:** A1721 Lecture Hall, Zhixin Building,Shandong University
- 2.Session Chairs:** Please assure speeches and discussions adhere to the allotted times.
- 3.Attendees:** Mobile phones should be switched to silent mode within the conference room to maintain an undisturbed environment.

III. Conference Team

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

June 29 ·Morning (Zhixin Building A1721)

8:30 – 8: 50 Opening Session

Speakers:

Prof. **Fu Youde**: Director of the Center for Judaic and Inter-Religious Studies at Shandong University

Prof. **Hu Yeping**: Director of the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy

8: 50 - 9:00 Group Photo

9:00 – 11: 40 Session One: Diverse Civilizations and Values

Chair: Prof. **Wen Haiming** (Each speaker: 20 minutes)

- Prof. **Riccardo Pozzo**: Dialogue between Civilizations on Global Commons
- Prof. **Fu Youde**: Human Nature and Human Needs: Internal Dimensions of Understanding Culture and Civilization
- Prof. **Huang Yushun**: On Confucianism and the Construction of Human Common Civilization
 - **15-Minute Tea/ Coffee Break**
- Prof. **Han Dongping**: Human Beings Can Have a Common Value System
- Prof. **Nie Minli**: The Universal Value and Contemporary Significance of Modern Civilization
- Prof. **Guo Ping**: Three Layers of Consensus for Coexistence of Diverse Civilizations

Questions and Answers

12:00-14:00 Lunch Break (Xueren Dasha Hotel)

June 29 · Afternoon (Zhixin Building A1721)

14:00 – 15:40 Session Two: Diverse Civilizations and Mutual Learning

Chair: Prof. **Wang Qingxin** (Each speaker: 20 minutes)

- Prof. **Wen Haiming**: World Confucianism from the Perspective of Dialogue among Civilizations
- Prof. **Shen Shunfu**: Traditional Confucian View of the Classics
- Prof. **Fu Shouxiang**: Cultural Misinterpretation in Mutual Learning among Civilizations and the Ecological Civilization of Mutual Prosperity
- Dr. **Andrew Tsz Wan Hung**: Wainwright and Ricoeur on Religious Dialogue

Questions and Answers

15: 40 - 16:00 Tea/ Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:40 Session Three: Diverse Civilizations and Politics

Chair: Prof. **Nie Minli** (Each speaker: 20 minutes)

- Prof. **Joao J. Vila-Cha**: The Virtue of Nations and the Transformation of Political Orders
- Prof. **Charles Hugo Kitima**: Values-based Global Governance: Tanzanian Perspective
- Prof. **Bian Shaobin**: Autonomy and Community: From the Perspective of Kant's Practical Philosophy
- Dr. **Ding Guangli**: The Value Orientation and Civilization Characteristics of the People's City

Questions and Answers

18:00-19:30 Dinner (Xueren Dasha Hotel)

June 30 ·Morning (Zhixin Building A1721)

8:30 – 10:00 Session Four: Diverse Civilizations and Philosophy

Chair: Prof. **Hu Yeping** (Each speaker: 20 minutes)

- Prof. **Wang Qingxin**: Locke, Mencius, and Their Conceptions of Natural Rights
- Prof. **Nurrohman Syarif**: Common Values and Human Civilizations: Philosophy of Sharia for the 21st Century
- Prof. **Wang Ding**: Dionysus As a Symbol of Cultural Exchanges
- Prof. **Geetesh Nirban**: Ethical Wisdom and Well-being: Analysing Common Shared Humanity through the Indian text Bhagavadgītā

Questions and Answers

10:00 - 10:15 Tea /Coffee Break

10: 15– 11:50 Session Five: Diverse Civilizations and Religion

Chair: Prof. **Shen Shunfu** (Each speaker: 20 minutes)

- Prof. **Sin Pan Ho**: Biblical Values of the Sermon on the Mount and its Significance to Common Values of Modern Cultures and International Peace
- Prof. **Pu Rongjian**: Son of Heaven and Dynastic Changes in Historical China Compared to Biblical Standards
- Dr. **Yang Jie**: Does Eliade's Understanding of Hierophany Fit into the Christian Prayer
- Dr. **Liang Yan**: The "Hidden" and The "Manifest" of the Bahai's Faith

Questions and Answers

11:50 - 12:00 Closing Session

Closing Remarks: Prof. Fu Youde, Prof. Hu Yeping

12:00-14:00 Lunch Break (Xueren Dasha Hotel)

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THE CENTER FOR JUDAIC AND INTER-RELIGIOUS STUDIES SHANDONG UNIVERSITY

The Center for Judaic and Inter-religious Studies at Shandong University was established in 1994 by Professor Fu Youde as the Institute for Jewish Cultural Studies. It was redefined as the Center for Judaic and Inter-religious Studies in 2003 after an official endorsement by the Ministry of Education. This transition marked its recognition as a principal research hub in the humanities and social sciences within Chinese higher education. The center is directed by "Yangtze River Scholar" Distinguished Professor Fu Youde, with Professors Chen Jian, Dong Xiuyuan, and Li Haitao serving as deputy directors. It boasts a dedicated team of 23 full-time and 15 part-time researchers, including nationally recognized talents, distinguished professors, and international scholars.

The center is renowned for its focus on Judaic studies, specializing in Jewish religion and philosophy, and it also embraces broader scholarly pursuits in religious studies, major world religions, and comparative religion. Current research initiatives at the center encompass Jewish and Israeli Studies, Theoretical Religious Studies, Religion and Social Issues, as well as explorations into Confucianism, Taoism, East Asian Cultures, Christianity and Ethnic Relations, and Biblical Interpretation and Classical Studies. Shandong University stands out as one of the select few Chinese institutions that offer continuous undergraduate and graduate programs in religious studies. The center not only facilitates training at the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels in collaboration with the Department of Religious Studies but also offers postdoctoral opportunities, thereby significantly contributing to the field by preparing skilled professionals.

Strategic partnerships enhance the center's reach and impact, such as the collaboration with Tel Aviv University to form the SDU-TAU Joint Institute for Jewish and Israeli Studies. The center has been officially recognized as the Shandong Provincial Research Center for Exchange and Cooperation with Israel, accredited by

both the Shandong Provincial Department of Education and the Shandong Foreign Affairs Office. It also collaborates with the Shandong Provincial Ethnic and Religious Affairs Commission to establish the Shandong Provincial Research Base for the Sinicization of Religion. Additionally, the center includes autonomous entities such as the Yao Tsung-I Institute of Religion and Chinese Culture.

The center is equipped with a modern 320 square-meter library that houses over 50,000 books and subscriptions to major international journals, enriched further by donations from global scholars and institutions. Since its foundation, the center has pursued a path of openness and international engagement, focusing on forging robust partnerships with leading global institutions. Looking to the future, it aims to enhance its academic prowess, refine its research focus, and establish itself as a prominent academic bastion and high-end think tank. This aligns with national strategies and developmental objectives, reinforcing its role as a pivotal training ground for religious studies talent and a resource center for information, consultation, and services.