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Conference Panels and Schedule of Papers

January 11, 2019

8:00 am – Van will pick up everyone at Franciscan Inn and bring you to McCune Hall, 6th floor, HSSB, UC Santa Barbara campus

8:20 am – Welcome and Introduction to the Conference
Prof. Mayfair Yang, Director, UCSB Confucius Institute

I. The Sacralization of Trees and Forests

8:30-8:55 am:  Prof. Adam Chau (East Asian Studies, University of Cambridge)
Homo Arborealus: Regimes of Tree-Mindedness

8:55-9:20 am:  Prof. Der-Ruey Yang 楊德睿 (Anthropology, Nanjing University)
From Mission to Economy: The Vicissitudes of Daoist Ecological Forests in Minqin County, Gansu Province

9:20–9:30 am:  Discussant:  Sarah Veeck 魏雪蘭, Ph.D. student, Religious Studies, UCSB

9:30–9:50 am:  General Discussion

II. The Liberation and Care of Animals

9:50–10:15 am:  Prof. Huaiyu Chen 陳懷宇 (Religious Studies, Arizona State University)
The Question of the Animal and Religion in China: Historical Transformations and Contemporary Implications

10:15–10:40 am:  Prof. Dedong Wei 魏德東 (Religious Studies, Renmin University / Columbia University)
Releasing Animals for Buddhist Merit in the Context of Science and Ecology
10:40–10:50 am:  **Discussant:** Prof. Tom Mazanec 余泰明, East Asian Studies, UCSB

10:50–11:10 am:  **General Discussion**

BREAK:  10 minutes

### III. Sacred Sites and Native Place

11:20-11:45 am:  **Prof. Mayfair Yang 楊美惠** (Religious Studies, East Asian Studies, UC Santa Barbara)
*Religious Environmentalism in the Anthropocene: Potentialities and Actualities in Rural Wenzhou, China*

11:45-12:10 pm:  **Prof. Sonya Lee 李琛妍** (Art History, University of Southern California)
*Preserving Hechuan’s Religious Heritage: A Debate over Tourism, Sustainability, and Social Justice*

12:10-12:20 pm:  **Discussant:** Prof. Vivian-Lee Nyitray 南微莉  (Religious Studies, U.C. Riverside (emerita); Associate Vice-Provost and Executive Director of UC Education Abroad Program)

12:20-12:40 pm:  **General Discussion**

12:40-2:00 pm:  **LUNCH in McCune Hall, HSSB 6th floor**

### IV. Fengshui, Burials, and Ancestors

2:00-2:25 pm:  **Dr. Tristan Brown** (St John's College, University of Cambridge)
*Debating the “Livelihoods of the People” in Mining Lawsuits: Fengshui between Property and Sovereignty in Late Imperial China*

2:25-2:50 pm:  **Prof. Yongjia Liang 梁永佳** (Sociology, National University of Singapore / Zhejiang University) (presenting via Skype)
*Grave Matters: Confucian Campaign against Tomb-Removal*

2:50-3:00 pm:  **Discussant:** Julia McClendon 黎思月, M.A. student, Religious Studies Department

3:00-3:20 pm:  **General Discussion**

BREAK:  10 minutes
V. Alternative Cosmological Dreaming and Religious Ethics

3:30-3:55 pm: Prof. Robert Ford Company 康若柏 (Asian Studies & Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University)
*The Non-Anthropocentricity of Dreaming in Late Classical and Medieval China*

3:55-4:20 pm: Prof. Weishan Huang 黃維珊 (Cultural & Religious Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong)
*An Understanding of Being – the Study of Buddhist Humanitarianism and Urban Environmentalism*

4:20-4:30 pm: discussant: Susie Wu 吳越, Ph.D. student, East Asian Department, UCSB

4:30-4:50 pm: General Discussion

5:00 pm: End of Paper Presentations – van will take everyone back to Franciscan Inn for rest

6:40 pm: Van will pick up everyone in lobby of Franciscan Inn for dinner

7:00 pm: dinner at Viva Mexican Restaurant in downtown Santa Barbara

*January 12, 2019*

8:45 am: Van will pick up everyone in lobby of Franciscan Inn and bring to 2212 HSSB on UC Santa Barbara campus

9:10-12:00 noon: Discussion of each other’s papers, suggestions for revision, publication plans and deadlines

12:00 noon: Van will pick up everyone in Parking Lot outside HSSB and take them to Beachside Café in Goleta for lunch

End of Conference

1:30 pm: Van will pick up everyone and take them sightseeing in Santa Barbara (Old Spanish Mission and Courthouse) and to Carpinteria Bluffs to see the seal colony on the beach

5:00 pm: return by van to Franciscan Inn; everyone on their own for dinner

*January 13, 2019*

9:00 am: Mayfair will pick up Adam Chau, Tristan Brown, Weishan Huang, and Dedong Wei at Franciscan Inn and take down to LAX, with a little sightseeing along the way