

Dear colleagues, dear friends of the Joint Center “Worldmaking”,

Welcome to this month’s newsletter. Along with a variety of different events organized by members of the Joint Center, we especially would like to draw your attention to the next event in our [Digital Workshop Series](#) on justifications of and engagements with ‘universal love’. Everyone interested is welcome to attend! We would also like to warmly welcome the [fellows](#) joining us this month!

Digital Workshop Series “Digital Dialogues”

As part of the Digital Workshop Series “Digital Dialogues”, researchers discuss various aspects and questions of the Joint Center “Worldmaking”. We would like to invite you all to join the 13th session of this series, hosted by the Joint Center’s project [Epochal Life Worlds: Man, Nature and Technology in Narratives of Crisis and Change](#).

Comparisons and Transcultural Dialogues: Universal Love in Mohism and Christianity

May 17, 2023, 12.30 - 2 PM (Heidelberg), 6.30 - 8 PM (Shanghai)

This Digital Dialogue is co-organized by the Heidelberg team and the Confucius Institute at the University of Heidelberg with its partner university, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Wu Yun, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, and Thorsten Moos, Professor of Theology at Heidelberg University, will engage in a dialogue on justifications of and engagements with ‘universal love’, with the potential of comparative ethics and universalist claims.

Speakers:

Yun WU is Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. She received her PhD from the Tsinghua University’s Department of Philosophy in 2012. Her dissertation topic was “Locke and Rawls: Liberalism’s Contractual Justification of Toleration”. For several years, she tried to gain insight into toleration, equality, utility, and justice in political philosophy from a comparative perspective. Most of her research publications are related to these subjects, such as “Is Mohism Really Li-promotionalism?” *Asian Philosophy: An International Journal of the Philosophical Traditions of the East*, 31:4, 430-440 (2021), “The Mohist Notion of Gongyi 公義”, *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, 19:269-287 (2020). Her academic interests include Mohism, Confucianism, and modern Chinese philosophy.

Thorsten Moos studied Theoretical Physics and Protestant Theology in Regensburg and Berlin as well as at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, where he also received his PhD. From 2010 to 2017, he was head of the research area “Religion, Law, Culture” at the Forschungsstätte der Evangelischen Studiengemeinschaft (FEST) in Heidelberg. His habilitation at Ruperto Carola was followed in 2017 by a call to a professorship at the Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal / Bethel. From 2019 on, he was head of the Institute for Diaconia Science and Diaconia Management there. Since 2021, Thorsten Moos has been Professor of Systematic Theology / Ethics at the Theological Seminary of Heidelberg University. His research interests include bioethics and medical ethics as well as theological anthropology and the concept of illness.

Access:

The event will take place on zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89881569191?pwd=QmZ5N25waCs5NVl5QkGdWxQTFRpDz09>

Lecture Series in Göttingen

Within the framework of their fellowship at the Joint Center Worldmaking and the project [Conceptions of World Order and Their Social Carrier Groups](#), the visiting fellows of Göttingen present their research projects.

Lectures by Göttingen’s Summer Visiting Fellows, 2023

May – July 2023, Thursday, 6-8 pm

May 4 6 – 8 pm	A Tale of Two Cities: Conflicting Narratives on Hong Kong Dr. Wai-Yip Ho (University of Exeter)
May 11 6 – 8 pm	Towards an Anticolonial Asian Cinema: the 1957 Asian Film Week and China’s Imagination of Asia Dr. Hu Nan (Fudan University)
June 8 6 – 8 pm	China in the Processes of Worldmaking: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives Prof. Edward Wang (Rowan University; USA)
June 22 6 – 8 pm	The Wandering Earth and China’s Construction of an Alternative Cosmopolitanism Prof. He Weihua (Central China Normal University)
July 13 6 – 8 pm	Transnational Knowledge Transfers (Joint Presentation): Pacific Crossings: The China Foundation and a Negotiated Translation of American Sciences to China, 1913-1949 Sally Xing (Columbia University) Custodians of Civilization: Overseas Students, Foreign Advisors, and the Rise of Modern Asian Statehood, 1882-1928 Lucas Brang (University of Cologne)

Venue:

Heinrich-Düker-Weg 14, 37073 Göttingen, room: VG 2.103

Lecture Series

Heidelberg Taiwan Lecture series

Biweekly DIGITAL Class Sessions (with Winnie Yee):

Wednesdays 11.15 am – 12.45 pm, beginning on April 26, 2023

Biweekly Screening Sessions (ON SITE):

Wednesdays 6.00 pm, beginning on May 3, 2023

This year’s Taiwan Lecture series will engage Professor Winnie Yee from the University of Hong Kong in a discussion on Sinophone Filmmaking. Winnie Yee was 2022 Worldmaking fellow at the project [Social Worlds: China’s Cities as Spaces of Worldmaking](#) in Würzburg.

The lecture series focuses on how documentary films popularize the concept of the Anthropocene and its emphasis on the planetary conditions circumscribing human societies and systems in Taiwan in the contemporary era. It examines the intersections between films and ecology and applies tools of ecocritical media studies to investigate representations of the relationships between humans and the natural world. It mainly covers documentaries and contextualizes the topics within the evolving history of environmental and sociopolitical movements in Taiwan and Hong Kong. [Read more about the lecture series](#)

The Taiwan Lecture Series continues with two screenings and two online class sessions with Winnie Yee:

May 3 6:00 pm	Wei Te-sheng 魏德聖, Seediq Bale 賽德克·巴萊, 2011. Part 1, 144 mins. Screening
May 10 11:15 am - 12.45 pm	Reimagining Land and Indigeneity Session 2 with Winnie Yee
May 17 6:00 pm	Raye, Twelve Nights 十二夜, 2013. 99 mins. Screening
May 24 11:15 am - 12.45 pm	In Love with Animals Session 3 with Winnie Yee

Access:

If you are interested in participating, please contact barbara.mittler@zo.uni-heidelberg.de.

Fellowship Program

The Joint Center promotes academic exchange and dialogue between Chinese and German researchers, in particular through a [Fellowship Program](#). Outstanding Chinese academics are given the opportunity to participate in the projects of the Joint Center during a *Visiting Fellowship* of up to several months at one of the Joint Center’s locations in Germany. Scholars from various disciplines in Germany can also receive *Research Fellowships* for field or archival research in China, Hong Kong, Macau, or Taiwan as well as research stays at the Center’s locations.

In May 2023, the following fellows will be joining the Joint Center. A warm welcome from us! To read more about the researchers and their specific research projects, please also visit our [website](#).

Berlin	Viren Murthy (University of Wisconsin, Madison), <i>Rethinking Modern China from a Global Perspective: The Translingual Worlds of Kyoto Schools</i> Read more Dandan Chen (State University of New York), <i>Politics and Ethics: The Search for a New Ethical World in Modern China</i>
Göttingen	Lucas Christopher Brang (University of Cologne), <i>Custodians of civilization: Overseas students, foreign advisors, and the rise of modern Asian statehood, 1882-1928</i> Read more Nan Hu (Fudan University), <i>Pan-Asianism Made in China: A Global Intellectual History (1955-1966)</i> Read more Edward Wang (Rowan University), <i>Changing Perceptions of World Order in Chinese Historiography: Three Phases of Development</i> Read more Chengji Xing (Columbia University), <i>Pacific Crossings: The China Foundation and a Negotiated Translation of American Science to China, 1913-1949</i> Read more
Heidelberg	Hailian Chen (University of Leipzig), <i>Technology for Re-engineering Modern China: A Conceptual and Institutional History of Arts in the Long Nineteenth Century</i> Read more Maxime Cedric Decaudin (National University of Singapore), <i>Inventing the ,Barren Rock’: The Maximale Origin of Hong Kong’s Colonial Myths</i> Read more Shaw-Yu Pan (National Taiwan University), <i>Colonizing the Stars: Malthusian Theory of Population and Imperial Imagination in Late Qing Science Fiction</i> Read more Xiaohong Tan (Guangdong University of Technology), <i>Urban Farming and Gardening during Pandemic in China</i> Read more Shengyu Wang , <i>Narratives of Steam Navigation and Epochal Change in Early Chinese Periodicals</i> Read more
Würzburg	Zhang Jun (City University of Hong Kong), <i>An Ethnographic Exploration of Public Space in Urban China</i> Read more Ceren Ergenç (Autonomous University of Barcelona), <i>Marginalization of informal labor in China’s waste governance</i> Read more

More News and Activities in a Nutshell

Two former fellows in the Joint Center’s project [Conceptions of World Order and Their Social Carrier Groups](#) at Göttingen University, [Mohammed Al-Sudairi](#) (The University of Hong Kong) and [Cao Yin](#) (Tsinghua University) received fellowships from the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation that allow them to return to Göttingen and continue with their own research, between 2023 and 2025.

On May 22, 2023, Björn Alpermann ([Social Worlds: China’s Cities as Spaces of Worldmaking](#)) will participate in an expert panel on “China Competence as a Field of Action” at the conference “Handlungssicherheit in der Forschungskooperation mit China” [Security of Action in Research Cooperation with China] in Berlin (organization: DESY). [Read more](#)

On May 24, 2023 (7 pm), Björn Alpermann ([Social Worlds: China’s Cities as Spaces of Worldmaking](#)) will give a lecture on “China’s Grip on World Power? The New Silk Road Project” at the Volkshochschule Darmstadt. [Read more](#)

On May 30, 2023, Antonie Angerer, Elena Meyer-Clement and Björn Alpermann ([Social Worlds: China’s Cities as Spaces of Worldmaking](#)) will organize the event “China’s Society in Transition: Discussion on the Occasion of the Presentation of the Book Family, Life, Pandemic by the Artist Jing Y.” at the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Berlin.

Reading Corner

On March 28, 2023, the article “Friends are those who can help you out’: unpacking the understanding and experiences of friendship among young migrant workers in China” by [Mao Jingyu](#) (University of Bielefeld, 2022 fellow in the Worldmaking project [Social Worlds: China’s Cities as Spaces of Worldmaking](#)) and Yan Zhu (University College London) was published in the journal *Families, Relationships and Societies*. [Read more](#)

On March 29, 2023, the article “Intentional Wanghong Environments Mediating Urban Futures in Xiongan New Area” by Antonie Angerer (project member in the Worldmaking project [Social Worlds: China’s Cities as Spaces of Worldmaking](#)) was published in *MEDIAAPOLIS*. Exploring China’s latest megacity, Xiongan New Area, Antonie Angerer shows how social media and urban-digital spectacle have become incorporated into the urban planning process. [Read the article](#)

From March 31 to April 1, 2023, the Joint Center held the workshop “Worldmaking in a Sinophone Context: Conceptions, Processes and Practices” focusing on theoretical concepts of worldmaking by considering empirical examples in China. The participants presented their research as a work-in-progress in various stages on historical and contemporary processes and practices. [Read the report](#)

On April 21, 2023, as part of the opening of the 7th Chinese Film Festival Nürnberg Björn Alpermann ([Social Worlds: China’s Cities as Spaces of Worldmaking](#)) spoke at the Cinecittà about processes of change in Tibetan populated rural areas. [Watch the recording on Youtube](#)

Would you like to give us feedback? If so, please reply to this email and let us know about your thoughts.

With best regards,

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