

Workshop: Emerging Commonality

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Heidegger's call for the "end of metaphysics" urges us to move beyond the onto-theology that has shaped modernity, while at the same time remaining open to a new kind of metaphysics—cautioning us not to interpret "end" simply as "abandonment." Currently, it seems we have largely remembered only the literal meaning of Heidegger's slogan: we attempt to overcome modernity in a distinctively modern way—through destruction, fragmentation, deconstruction, silence, and other self-consciously "post-" gestures—thereby unconsciously perpetuating modernity itself. Yet perhaps we might also understand this as the birth pangs of a new beginning. It is with this concern and motivation that we urgently need to rethink the relationship between the One and the Many. Although Confucius rarely spoke directly of metaphysical matters, one of his sayings resonates powerfully within today's problematic horizon: "My process/Dao is unified, penetrating, it holds things together and sprouts." [吾道一以贯之] (Trans. by Ezra Pound). With the term 贯(通) (*Guan [Tong]*) (penetrating/unifying to sprout), Confucius reveals the relation between the One and the Many. 通 is an ***Emerging Commonality*** that runs through everything and lets everything sprout. To reflect on this ***Emerging Commonality*** is not only to participate in the movement to reconstruct philosophical metaphysics; it is also a form of concrete metaphysics—concreteness that manifests itself in various practices bearing a metaphysical orientation, such as the 交通 (communication) between humans and AI, between different cultures, between philosophical traditions and so on.

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Program

Friday, 19 June

16:15-17:15 Liangjian Liu (East China Normal University), On Singularity: Thinking through Jin Yuelin (1895-1984)

Coffee

17:30-18:30 Arata Nakashima (University of Bonn), The Many as the Inverted One: The Logical of Cosmogony in Late Schelling's Philosophy of Nature

Saturday, 20. June

9:00-10:00 Samsamieh Aghdam (University of Turin), Love as the Motive Force of Unity: An Inquiry into the Unity of Being in Rumi's Thought

Coffee

10:15-11:15 Zhouwei Jiang (University of Tübingen), A Phenomenological-Metaphysical Reconstruction of "Tong" (通) in the *Book of Changes* (Yijing)

Coffee

11:30-12:30 Dimitra Amarantidou (Shandong University), When the Elephant Becomes the Room: AI as Mediator in Civilizational Dialogue

Lunch break

13:00-14:00 Niels Weidtmann (University of Tübingen), Rombach's Turn from Hermeneutics to Philosophical Hermetics