

THE SECOND TAIWAN METAPHYSICS COLLOQUIUM (TMC-2015)

CALL FOR PAPERS

13 (Fri.) – 14 (Sat.) November, 2015

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DEADLINE OF THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: 15 October, 2015

DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLOQUIUM

The series of Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium (TMC) is one of two series of biennial conferences founded in 2013 and is hosted by the program for Logic, Mind and Methodology (LMM, for short) in the Department of Philosophy at National Taiwan University. (The other is the series of Taiwan Philosophical logic Colloquium, TPLC, established since 2012) Funding was mainly sourced from annual donation by Ms. Wendy Huang and her Shun Yih Ltd. The primary concern of this funding is to augment the research of contemporary analytic philosophy, especially in logic, metaphysics, epistemology, ethics and some others, in Taiwan.

The aim of this series is to provide a forum for dialogues amongst philosophers who are inclined to re-examine philosophical issues/problems from a certain contemporary perspectives, such as philosophical logic, or philosophy of language, to mention a few. This series of colloquiums are open not only to all interested scholars in Taiwan; we also invite several distinguished international scholars and welcome contributed talks from abroad as well. In fact, each colloquium in this series is by and large associated with a series of lecture given by Wendy-Huang Visiting Fellows. It is expected that some of the invited/contributed talks will focus on, or have some connection with the main theme of the delivered lectures by the invited Wendy-Huang Visiting Fellow of that year. To enhance closer connection with other philosophy communities in the neighbourhood, at the early stage of this series of colloquiums, the invited philosophers will be mainly from Asian and Australasian regions. The topics involved range from the traditional issues/concepts/problems in metaphysics to all sorts of contemporary brand-new issues such as the metaphysical foundation of mereology, modal logic as metaphysics and so on.

The first Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium (TMC-2013), held on October 4, 2013, was a one day conference. Professor David Charles (Oriel College, Oxford University) gave the keynote speech—‘Are actions events? An Aristotelian perspective’. The second Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium (TMC-2015), scheduled as a two day conference to be held on November 13 and 14, 2015, will be associated with the 2015 Wendy Huang Visiting Fellowship. The main theme of TMC-2015 is ‘Modality and Normativity’. Regarding ‘modality’, Professor Max Cresswell will come and give a series of lectures for this fellowship and a keynote speech at TMC-2015, which will be a survey of the history of modality from a historical perspective. This means that there is a historical as well as a logical element (modal logic) involved in his talks. Two invited speakers, Kei Chiba and Adriane Rini, will focus on Aristotle’s notion of modality. As for ‘normativity’, we honourably invite Professor Marcia Baron as the keynote

speaker in the session regarding to normativity and other issues in metaethics. Two invited speakers, Satoshi Kodama and Derek Baker, will present their insightful papers in this session as well.

We hope that the establishment of this series will produce some stimulating and inspiring events around Asian area so as to promote the study of metaphysics in Asian area, especially in Taiwan.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS FOR TMC-2015

Max J. Cresswell (FRSNZ, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.)

- I am a symbol man–A. N. Prior and Ordinary Language Philosophy

Marcia Baron (Indianan University Bloomington, USA)

- Rethinking one-thought-too-many

INVITED SPEAKERS FOR TMC-2015

Kei Chiba (Hokkaido University, Japan)

- Aristotle's modal ontology–Logos and ergon approaches

Adriane Rini (Massey University/University of New Zealand, New Zealand)

- Subject and predicate in Aristotle's discovery of modality

Satoshi Kodama (Kyoto University, Japan)

- The utilitarian morality and the normative question

Derek Baker (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

- Explanation and instrumentalism

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

All researchers working on various aspects of metaphysics and metaethics are cordially invited to submit their abstracts by 15th October, 2015. Authors should submit an (extended) abstract at least about one page (A4 size, single space) but no more than four pages. Abstracts must be submitted as PDF files and sent to

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Professor J. J. Yuann (jjyuann@ntu.edu.tw)

Each submission will be reviewed. The Colloquium is open to everyone, and practical info will be available soon on the website.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR SPEAKERS FROM ABROAD

Contributed papers from international scholars are highly appreciated. There will be a possibility of giving support of accommodation during the conference to speakers from abroad. Please take a contact with JJ Yuann. However, it is strongly recommended that as long as you have decided to submit an abstract, please send us a note at your convenience as hotel-room preservation can be made the earlier the easier.

POST-CONFERENCE PUBLICATION:

We are planning to publish a post-conference proceedings for TMC-2015 once we get enough number of submissions of high quality. We will contact some editors of certain famous publishers, such as editor-in-chief of LIAA (“Logic in Asia”), a new established publication project for a series of logic books by Springer. If our project is approved, all authors of papers presented at the colloquium will be encouraged to submit a full version and the deadline of submission of manuscripts will be around February of 2016. All papers submitted will be refereed to high journal standards, and acceptance as a presentation is no guarantee that the post-conference paper will be published. The approval and the details of the post-conference proceedings will be announced later.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

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