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The China Project/IPDC

The China Project is a program of the Center for Process Studies. Its mission is to promote study and research of process thought in Chinese scholarship and to promote mutual understanding between Chinese culture and Western culture.

The China Project believes that process thought opens the possibility of combining Chinese and Western cultures and integrating premodern, modern, and postmodern insights from both Western and Eastern thinkers. It is hoped that, through this interaction, process thought will play a vital role in contributing to the well-being of China and the global community. The China Project promotes and fosters this constructive interaction between East and West through the sponsoring of conferences, translation projects, publications, visiting scholar programs and establishing process centers in China.

Organization
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Process Centers in China
Currently, there are 25 research centers in China since 2002. One of them were established in 2013, it is Guangdong Center ? One more is to be established in near future. They are:
1. Beijing Center 1 (Philosophy, Beijing Normal University)
2. Beijing Center 2 (Politics and Law, Beijing International Culture Studies University)
3. Wuhan Center for Process (Philosophy, Huazhong University of Science and Technology)
4. Xian Center (Process Philosophy, Xian Jiaotong University)
5. Yancheng Center (Education, Yancheng Normal University)
6. Suzhou Center (Sustainable Urbanization, Soochow University)
7. Zhanjiang Center (Education, Zhanjiang Normal College)
8. Hangzhou Center (Process Theology, Zhejiang University)
9. Shandong Center (Process Psychology, Shandong University)
10. Tianjin Center (Process Education, Tianjin Normal University)
11. Heilongjiang Center (Culture Philosophy, Heilongjiang University)
12. Guilin Center (Constructive Postmodern Culture, Guangxi Normal University)
13. Shenyang Center (Ecology, Shenyang University of Science and Technology)
14. Tianjin Center for Social Responsibility in Business (Tianjin University of Commerce)
15. Soochow Center for Social Responsibility in Business (Soochow University)
16. Beijing Center for Science and Faith (Beijing Normal University)
17. Wuhan Center for Science and Spirituality, Huazhong University of Science and Technology
18. Shanghai Process Center (East China University of Science and Technology)
19. Harbin Center for Process Education, Harbin Normal University
20. Shanxi Center for Postmodern Thinking and Social Development, Shanxi University
21. Center for Constructive Postmodern Studies, Harbin Institute of Technology.
22. Hebei Center for Postmodern Philosophy, Hebei University of Industry.
23. Xuzhou Center for Process Studies, Jiangsu Normal University.
24. Nanjing Center for Constructive Postmodern Studies, Southeast University
25. Guangzhou Center for Center for Process Philosophy and System Management Studies, at South China Normal University, Guangzhou.

An additional process center is projected to be affiliated with Chongqing University, Chongqing, China.

Conferences

Working with the Institute for Postmodern Development of China and its Chinese partners, the China Project so far has organized 73 conferences.

We sponsored or cosponsored the following 10 conferences in 2013

1. 7th International Ecological Civilization Forum, April 26-27, 2013, Pitzer College, Claremont

Future Conferences in 2014
5. 8th Whitehead Wisdom Education Conference, Beijing, July 5, 2014.
8. Organic Marxism (TBD)

**Process Summer Academies**

The First Annual Sino-US Process Summer Academy was held in Guilin in July, 2006 with participation from 45 professors and graduate students.
The third academy took place in Taigu, Shanxi, from July 21-August 1, 2008.
The Fourth Academy took place in Shanghai, from July 21-August 1, 2009.
The Fifth Academy was held in Beijing, from July 23-August 1, 2010.
The Sixth Academy was held in Tianjin, from August 9-19, 2011
The 7th Academy was held in Harbin, from June 5-12, 2012
The 8th Academy was held at Harbin Institute of Technology, from May 21-28, 2013.
The 9th Academy will be held in Mudanjiang Normal College, Heilongjiang, from July 11-19, 2014.

**Publications Project**

The China Project's primary publications are the annual journal entitled the *Process Studies in China* and the newspaper, *Culture Communication*, edited by Meijun Fan. The first issue of *Process Studies in China* was published in February 2004 and the second issue was published in 2007. The third issue was published in 2011. Now we are editing the fourth issue.

60 issues of *Culture Communication* so far already came out. This newspaper is very well received. Consul Ye Xiangdong, when he was at the Chinese Consulate General in Los Angeles, spoke highly of this newspaper and said in a letter of April 23, 2009 that he carefully read every single word of it. Yijie Tang and Daiyun Yue, Professors of Peking University, two top scholars in China, cited a great number of articles and interviews published in the newspaper. For them, the newspaper “has played an important role in promoting the constructive postmodern movement in China”. (Daiyun Yue, “Chinese Culture Received Attention from the World.” *Red Flag Digest* 6 (2013). Qingdong Kong, professor of Peking University, a grand, grand son of Confucius, told his 10 million fans that *Culture Communication* is on his must read list. Some articles like Philip Clayton’s “How can China Avoid the Mistakes the West Made?” were republished in top Communist Party journals such as Red Flag.

**Translation Project**

Thus far, the China Project/IPDC has organized the publication of more than 20 Chinese translations of process books. Some of which include: *The Reenchantment of Science, God and Religion in the Postmodern World, Process Theology, Postmodernism and Public Policy*, and *Beyond Dialogue, Whitehead's Radically Different Postmodern Philosophy* by David Griffin, *Process-Relational Philosophy* by Bob Mesle, etc.

Books by Whitehead translated and published in China

Most of Whitehead’s philosophical works have been translated and published in China. *Process and Reality* even has three different Chinese editions. Below is the list.

*Modes of Thought.* Tran. by Donghu Han, Hong Li. Huxia Press, 1999.

Chinese Visiting Scholars

Thus far, 42 Chinese scholars have visited the Center for Process Studies through the Visiting Scholar Program with help from Dr. John Quiring and the CST dean office.

In 2013, 10 visiting scholars, including the former assistant mayor of Kaifeng, Henan Province, arrived.

In 2014, there will be four visiting scholars coming.

More than 10 Chinese scholars are planning to be visiting scholars at CPS. The writings by those visiting scholars on process are published and republished in a variety of journals, newspapers, and websites, which have produced quite great influence.

Receiving Government Official Delegation

Sometimes we received Government Official Delegations who were attracted by Dr. Cobb’s name.

In 2013, 18 local government officials from Beijing visited Claremont and listened to Dr. Cobb’s lecture.

Lectures

Since 2002, lectures in China have been delivered by John Cobb, David Griffin, Philip Clayton, Karen Torjesen, Herman Greene, Catherine Keller, Ron Phipps, George Derfer, Jay McDaniel, John Churchill, John Buchanan, Bob Mesle, Sharon Snowiss, Henry Goodspeed, Cliff Cobb, etc. So far a total of 330 lectures have been given. In 2013, 28 lecture were delivered in China by Philip Clayton, Jay, McDaniel, Kevin, Clark, J. R. Hustwit, Farzad Mahootian, Constance DeVereaux, Pete Gess, Teresa Wilson, Julie Steinbach, Meijun Fan, and Zhihe Wang.

Two special lectures need to mentioned here. One is Jay McDaniel’s lecture at Heilongjiang Party School. 300 Government officials and Party officials listened to his lecture on American Dream and Chinese Dream. One is Dr. Cobb’s lecture at Xinhua News Agency’s Beijing Headquarter.

On his 2014 China trip, Dr. Cobb also gave talk to a few influential think tanks in China such as Central Bureau of Complication and Translation, China Society for Promoting Ecological Civilization, etc. Chinese Communist Party News web published the report about his visit. (http://cpc.people.com.cn/n/2013/0725/c87228-22321457.html)
These lectures produced very positive effects. Some of them like Dr. David Schwerin’s Ecological Idealism, Dr. Cobb’s Toward a Sustainable Urbanization, and Freudenbergens’ China Should Develop Postmodern Agriculture, even republished in Xinhua Digest, the topic Digest Journal in China.

**Media Reports**

Claremont attracted more Chinese media including The People’s Daily, Xinhua News, and CCTV to come. Xinhua News Agency particularly has shown very strong interest in our project. They sent reporters tot our 7th International forum on ecological civilization. Their report on the forum is widely received in China.

http://www.chinesetoday.com/zh/article/740884
http://ch.uschinapress.com/LosAngeles/20130427/51147.html
http://www.xhstv.com/show/iahpEwiaqQAD6hH4c.html

In addition, they also have interviewed some of our advisers.

Interview with John Cobb
Interview with Philip Clayton
Interview with Dean Freudenberger
Interview with John Quiring
Interview with Sharon Snowiss
Interview with Paolo Soleri
Interview with David Schwerin
Plan to interview David Griffin


The People’s Daily Reporter did a story on Claremont on May 2, 2013

CCTV Host Yongyuan Cui interviewed John Cobb, Dean Freudenberger, Evaggelos Vallianatos, and Angela Donnelly, Lynn Juarez, and Charlene Tschirhart at Pilgrim Place.

Xinhua News also reported on the 9th International Whitehead Congress (in both English and Chinese)

http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/811013.shtml#.Us2xBnC-q-A
http://www.china.org.cn/world/Off_the_Wire/2013-09/10/content_29976151.htm

**Overall Influence in China**

The influence of Process thought or constructive postmodernism has kept increasing in China.

In a recent survey conducd by People Forum Poll Research Center about “The Most Valuable Theoretical Point of View in 2012,”, the following point of view of Prof. Yijie Tang of Peking University, a top philosofher in Chinese philosophy, was selected as the top one:. (http://theory.people.com.cn/n/2013/0110/c49165-20158762.html)

*In the end of last Century, Constructive Postmodernism based on process philosophy proposed integrating the achievements of the first enlightenment and postmodernism, and called for the Second Enlightenment. The Two broadly influential movements in China today: 1) “The zeal for traditional culture”; and 2) “Constructive Postmodernism.” If these two trends can combined organically under the guidance of Marxism, not only take root in China, but further develop so that with comparative ease, China can complete its “First Enlightenment” in realizing its modernization, and also very*
quickly enter into the “Second Enlightenment” and become the standard-bearer of a postmodern society.¹

More and more published books and articles on process thought is evidence of influence.

Some publications on Process thought/Constructive Postmodernism in China From late 2012-2013.

Books:

Articles:
More than 50 articles were published between late 2012 and 2013. Here are some of them: