

Transcultural Perspectives on Immanence and Transcendence

Since German idealism, world-immanence and absence of transcendence have counted as characteristics of Chinese culture. They have been held responsible for a lack of „tension“ to the world and thus for the non-appearance of a more than conformist ethics, of an objectifying attitude towards nature, and of notions of subjectivity beyond the social roles in China. The West, by contrast, has been seen as marked by detached and decentered thinking with regard to the objective, the social as well as the subjective world. The difference has been attributed to opposite forms of religion, above all to the thisworldliness or otherworldliness of the highest deity.

This approach may explain the radicalization of thought by religious leverage in specific historical cases. It has been called into question, however, for underestimating the immanent, this-worldly sources of detached thinking, which after the end of dogmatic metaphysics have increasingly gained interest in modern philosophy. The attention has shifted to forms of “immanent transcendence”. Immanent transcendence is also a topic in contemporary Confucianism, which rejects the traditional Western account as unfounded.

The workshop will review the main positions of the debate und discuss current developments. It will explore different understandings of transcendence and immanence and their importance for transcultural resources of critique.

Organisation & Registration

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| 10.00 h | Introduction
Heiner Roetz (Bochum) |
| 10.30 h | Immanent Transcendence in Confucianism
Lee Ming-Huei (Taipei) |
| 11.20 h | Coffee Break |
| 11.40 h | Immanent Transcendence as Sacralization
Volkhard Krech (Bochum) |
| 12.30 h | Lunch |
| 13.40 h | Emptiness and Violence: An Unexpected Dialogue between Nagarjuna and Derrida
Lin Chen-kuo (Taipei) |
| 14.30 h | Immanence, Transcendence, and Representation: Was Max Weber Right about Occidental Religion?
Gesche Linde (Frankfurt a.M.) |
| 15.20 h | Transcendence without Religion? On the Notion of Immanence in European Interpretations of Chinese Philosophy
Fabian Heubel (Taipei) |
| 16.10 h | Coffee Break |
| 16.30 h | Inner and Outer Transcendence in Early Confucianism
Guo Yi (Beijing) |
| 17.20 h | Subjectivity and Transcendence
Otto Kallscheuer (Berlin) |
| 18.10 h | Final Discussion |
| 19.00 h | Dinner |

ARRIVAL

By subway:

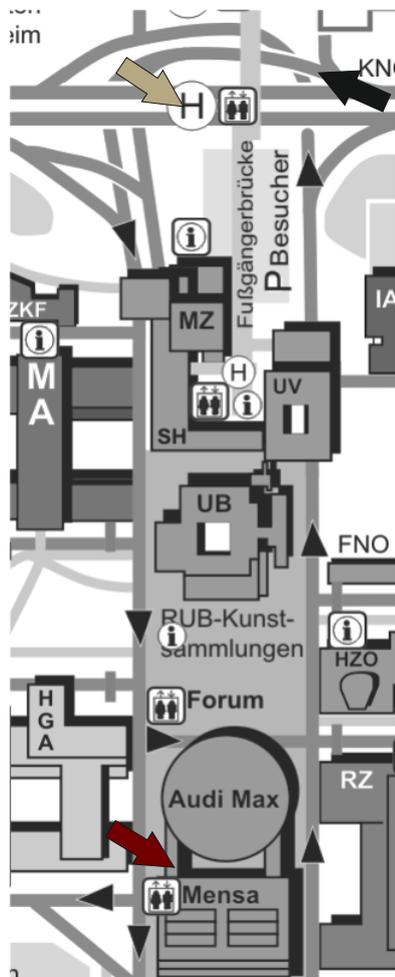
Arrival: Düsseldorf Airport via, or directly from, Bochum Hauptbahnhof (Central Station) take the U35 towards Bochum Querenburg (Hustadt) and get off at stop »Ruhr-Universität« (➔) (Ticket needed: Preisstufe A).

The Mensa (Level 01, Room 02) is right behind the Audimax (➔).

By car:

Motorway A 43, interchange »Bochum-Witten«, exit at »Bochum-Querenburg/Universität« (exit no. 19). Universitätsstraße direction Universität/Zentrum, exit at »Uni - Mitte« (➔), about 2 km. Free parking is sign posted.

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