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By Car: The quickest route is via the motorway junction Bochum/Witten, where the autobahns A43 and A44 meet. Simply take the exit Bochum-Querenburg, follow the signs to *Bochum Zentrum* to the crossroads of *Universitätsstraße* and *Wasserstraße*. Take a u-turn left and continue this road for approx. 200 metres, until you reach *Universitätsstraße 90a*. Parking is possible in front and behind the building.



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Sinology and Beyond: Discussing the Work of Edward G. Slingerland

Body and Mind in Early China: Embodied Cognition, Digital Humanities, and the Project of Comparative Philosophy

Edward Slingerland (Vancouver)

It is commonly claimed that mind-body dualism is entirely foreign to China—or “the East” more generally. This talk will explore how engaging with the cognitive sciences and digital humanities undermines claims such as this, and more broadly can help us to do our work as scholars of comparative philosophy. Embracing an embodied view of human cognition gets us beyond strong social constructivism and its accompanying cultural essentialism. In addition, new tools from the science and digital humanities can, in combination with traditional archaeological and textual evidence, allow us to more accurately and rigorously assess claims about the philosophical and religious historical record. Specifically, I will focus on novel large-scale textual analysis techniques, online databases for sharing scholarly knowledge, and work in contemporary evolutionary anthropology and cognitive science relevant to the mind-body issue. I will conclude by considering how early

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Talk

04:15 - 05:15 **Body and Mind in Early China: Embodied Cognition, Digital Humanities, and the Project of Comparative Philosophy**
Edward G. Slingerland (Vancouver)

Responses

05:15 - 05:45 **The Work of Edward G. Slingerland and Holism in Sinology**
Licia Di Giacinto (Bochum)

05:45 - 06:15 **Coffee Break**

06:15 - 06:45 **The Work of Edward G. Slingerland and Ethics**
Heiner Roetz (Bochum)

06:45 - 07:00 **The Work of Edward G. Slingerland and Metaphors**
Lilith Apostel (Bochum)

07:00 - 07:15 **The Work of Edward G. Slingerland and Digital Humanities**
Frederik Elwert (Bochum)

Discussion

07:15 - 07:45 **General Discussion**