

Dis-/Embodying Pluriversalism

Workshop

Agenda

補助單位：教育部大專院校人文與社會科學領域標竿計畫

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主辦單位：政治大學國際關係研究中心、政治大學國際事務學院東亞研究所

協辦單位：政治大學國際事務學院中共國際戰略研究中心

日期：2025 年 11 月 10 日

地點：台北市萬壽路 64 號國立政治大學

14:00-17:00

Main Theme of the Workshop

This workshop develops the proposal for a special issue on *International Relations of Mind and Body*, framed through Buddhism and Chinese medicine. Whereas most IR scholarship treats personhood abstractly—as citizen, subject, or rational actor—mind–body traditions foreground the embodied, spiritual, and cosmological dimensions of subjectivity. Both Buddhism and Chinese medicine articulate universality not as an external order but as a cosmos already immanent in the body. This shift enables us to reconceive “pluriversalism” as intrapersonal pluriverses, expanding IR’s horizons beyond state- or system-centered frameworks.

The special issue seeks to generate conceptual payoffs: personhood as cosmos (qi, dependent origination, emptiness); ethics and governance as practices of harmonization and balance; and epistemologies that decenter rationalist IR not by adding “non-Western” voices, but by reconfiguring its foundations. Contributors from IR, philosophy, medical humanities, and religious studies will be invited to engage across four themes: (1) philosophical foundations of mind–body unity; (2) comparative horizons for sovereignty, agency, and ethics; (3) embodied IR as a challenge to state ontology; and (4) applications in peacebuilding, ecology, and health diplomacy.

The key challenges for participants will be to avoid exoticizing Buddhism and Chinese medicine, and to articulate their relevance to international relations rather than leaving them as cultural philosophy. Addressing these challenges will allow the issue to make a distinctive pluriversal contribution: showing how alternative cosmologies of self and world can reshape the theory and practice of IR.

Presentation: 15 minutes

MONDAY NOVEMBER 10	
14:00~14:10	Checking-in
14:10~15:40	Panel Chair: Chiung-Chiu Huang, Professor/Researcher, National Chengchi University 1. Bodies of Pluriversal IR: the US Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel and the Pregnant Tree and the Goblin Ihntaek Hwang, Lecturer, Korea National University of Arts 2. Embodying Pluriversalism: What Erasmus Can Tell Us about Bamboo Diplomacy Nguyen Cong Tung, Assistant Professor, Tongji University 3. A Dialogue Between Foucault and Zen: Towards a Pluriversal View of Religion Pei-Ying Lin, Associate Professor, National Chengchi University 4. “A Cosmos in Miniature”: Rethinking the Body for Pluriversal International Relations Ching-Chang Chen, Professor, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
15:40~16:00	Coffee Break
16:00~16:30	Keynote Speech Chair: Ihntaek Hwang, Lecturer, Korea National University of Arts Existential without Agency? A Note on the Dis-/embodying Global South Chih-yu Shih, Emeritus Professor, National Taiwan University
16:30~17:00	Business Meeting: Proposing the Special Issue “International Relations of Mind and Body”
HAPPY HOUR & DINNER	

List of Participants

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