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The 10th BNU Philosophy Summer School The 6th Chinese Culture Studies Program for Global Young Scholars



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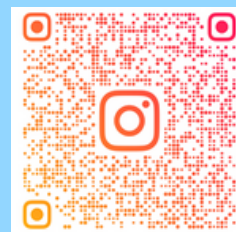
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A Journey into Chinese Thought and Modern Civilization

- How can Confucianism serve modern life?
- How can classical interpretations promote mutual understanding among civilizations?
- How can we reflect on the development of artificial intelligence from a human-oriented value perspective?



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What is *BNU Philosophy Summer School*?

This summer school, hosted by the School of Philosophy at Beijing Normal University, is dedicated to providing a platform for overseas young scholars to visit China and deeply engage in the study of Chinese philosophy, culture, and other related fields. Through diverse formats such as academic lectures, cultural experiences, and study tours, it aims to enhance the understanding of traditional Chinese culture among outstanding young scholars.

After nine successful years, this program has successfully attracted over 300 overseas elite students from more than 40 countries to study in China. On the occasion of its 10th anniversary celebration, the program will grandly launch a series of celebratory activities aimed at further expanding the breadth and depth of the exchange platform, constructing a more open and inclusive academic and cultural exchange space for overseas young scholars.

Previous Lecturers



PROF. ROGER T. AMES

A distinguished comparative philosopher specializing in Sino-Western thought, a renowned sinologist, an esteemed translator of Chinese philosophical classics, a Humanities Chair Professor at Peking University, and an Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

PROF. XIAOGAN LIU

Holder of a PhD in Philosophy from Peking University. An Emeritus Professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He has held teaching positions at prestigious institutions such as The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Peking University, and the National University of Singapore.



PROF. YONG HUANG

Holder of PhDs from Fudan University and Harvard University. He is currently a Professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, specializing in Chinese philosophy, comparative philosophy, and moral philosophy. He has previously served as a Tenured Professor at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania and as the President of the Society for Chinese Philosophy in North America.



PROF. WOLFGANG KUBIN

A renowned German scholar, poet, and translator. He is a leading authority in European Sinology, specializing in Chinese literature and culture, and is also regarded as one of the most prominent sinologists worldwide.



PROF. DENNIS SCHILLING

Professor at the School of Philosophy, Renmin University of China. He has previously held positions as Acting Professor of Sinology at the University of Marburg in Germany, Guest Professor and Director of the Institute of Chinese Language and Linguistics at Kainan University in Taiwan, as well as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Munich.



PROF. YOUNGSUN BACK

Professor at Sungkyunkwan University in South Korea. Her primary research focuses on Chinese philosophy, as well as on the thought of Confucius, Mencius, and Xunzi.



PROF. DANIEL A. BELL

An internationally renowned philosopher and sociologist. He previously served as a professor in the Department of Philosophy at Tsinghua University and is currently the Canadian Dean of the School of Political Science and Public Administration at Shandong University.



PROF. JANA ROŠKER

She studied Sinology and obtained her PhD degree at the Vienna University. She is the first Slovene Sinologist, co-founder and long-standing Head of the Department of Asian studies at the University in Ljubljana (Slovenia).



Previous Themes

“A Journey into Chinese Thought and Modern Civilization”

“The Establishment, Dissemination, and Contemporary Reconstruction of Traditional Confucianism”

“Taoist Philosophy and Reflection”

“Chinese Traditional Philosophy and Its Contemporary Value”

“The Exchange Between Eastern and Western Cultures and the Innovation of Traditional Culture”

“Traditional Chinese Philosophy: Human Nature and Virtue”

“Self and Others on the Horizon of Chinese and Western Culture”

“Confucian Civilization and Chinese Path to Modernization”

“Tolerance, Mutual Communication and Common Development: the Core Values in Traditional Chinese Culture”



Contents



ACADEMIC LECTURES

All lectures, academic comments and Q&A sessions are delivered by experts in the field of philosophy.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Specialized teachers demonstrate and lead the participants in hands on Chinese cultural activities, including Chinese calligraphy and Martial art.



CULTURAL VISIT

Students can immerse themselves in the profound cultural heritage of Beijing by visiting renowned attractions, such as the Confucian Temple and the National Library, .

STUDY TOUR

We organize a 5-day study tour for students to a specific region allows them to comprehensively understand and experience the local culture, history, etc.



STUDENT PRESENTATION

On the last day of the program, student representatives share their learning outcomes, feelings about the program and make presentations.



Student Feedback

“China was truly a once in a lifetime experience.”

——Zachary Schroeder

“Participating in this summer program was an extremely valuable experience for me, not only deepening my understanding of Chinese philosophy but also fostering a deeper affinity for Chinese culture”

——Farnoosh Samie Ghahfarokhi

“To understand modern China, one must understand traditional Chinese thought. As a PhD candidate studying China, I gained a lot through this program. Moreover, making friends with classmates from 22 different countries and discussing issues of international politics and philosophy together has broadened my horizons.”

——Silvia Paoli

“I wanted to tell everyone that I learned a lot with you during this summer school. Everyone is the bearer of a given culture, a given education. But, respect for others and other cultures is essential to build a common future together. This summer school will remain engraved in my memory.”

——Khalid Hammes



Time

July 10th - 23rd, 2025

Place

Beijing Normal University

Schedule

July 10th Opening Ceremony 10th Anniversary Themed Roundtable Youth Leaders Workshop	July 11th Academic Lecture 1 Academic Lecture 2
July 12th "Thinking about China" Roundtable Academic Lecture 3	July 13th Study Tour in Beijing Academic Lecture 2
July 14th Cultural Experience Academic Lecture 5	July 15th Study Tour in Beijing Academic Lecture 6
July 16th Academic Lecture 7 Cultural Experience	July 17th Academic Lecture 8 Prepare Presentation
July 18th-22nd Study Tour Outside Beijing	July 23rd Student Presentation Closing Ceremony

Admission Information

Eligibility

Primary enrollment includes outstanding young foreign scholars and international Chinese students engaged in related research, age 18 years or above with a bachelor's degree or higher.

Applicants should have a keen interest in Chinese traditional culture and Confucianism, as well as a certain understanding of Chinese philosophy, history, literature, and other related fields.

Registration

The registration deadline is February 20th, 2025. On or before that date, please submit the following application materials to Ms. Ma Ziqian at maziqian@bnu.edu.cn.

- Electronic copy of the passport information page
- Personal resume or personal statement
- Letter of recommendation from supervisor/employer
- Application form (template attached)

Admission

From late February to early March, the review committee will conduct an initial screening based on submitted materials and organize online interviews for qualified candidates.

Outstanding performers will receive scholarships covering international round-trip airfare and accommodation expenses during the program.

