

# CEACOP Workshop: Modern Confucianism between Philosophy and Sociology

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**Date:** 10 December 2020 (Thursday)  
**Time:** 09:00 - 12:00 (CET) / 16:00 - 19:00 (HKT)  
**Venue:** Online (The workshop will be held via Zoom)

## Group Project Introduction

*The Exterior of Philosophy: On the Practice of Modern Confucianism* is a research project that studies twentieth- and twenty-first-century Confucian philosophy by deploying Sociology of Philosophy perspectives. The ambition of the project is to build on the existing literature, which has so far mainly adopted historical and philosophical perspectives, by looking at modern Confucian philosophy as a sociologically situated practice, while also exploring the possibilities of treating Sociology of Philosophy as a philosophical sub-discipline. Building on the work of Sociologists of Philosophy, the project seeks to highlight the sociological entanglements of modern Confucian philosophy at two levels: first, at the meso-level of a philosophical field (departments, journals, associations, etc.) whose doxa is informed by global requirements and local needs, and second, at the macro-level of the local and global socio-political settings that bear on the philosophical field but also directly inform the philosophical production of modern Confucians.

## Title of Presentations

Ralph Weber	<i>The Social and Political Thought of Tu Weiming: A Sociological Reading</i>
Philippe Major	<i>Imagining Confucian China: Philosophical Textuality as Social Praxis in Modern Confucianism</i>
Milan Matthiesen	<i>The Politics of Anti-Confucianism and Philosophical Argument: The Debates between Confucians and Liberals in the 1950s</i>
Yim Fong Chan	<i>Twisted Souls in Confucianism: Liang Shuming and Feng Youlan in the PRC (1949-1976)</i>