

BNU Philosophy Summer School

2022

【Program Brochure】

1) Program Name

BNU Philosophy Summer School 2022——“Self and Others on the Horizon of Chinese and Western Culture”

2) Time and Location

Time: July 4-July 10, 2022

18:00-22:00 every night (Beijing time)

Location: Zoom online platform

(Zoom information will be published later)

3) Introduction to the Program and the Host Department

Introduction to the Program

In the current era, there are increasing cultural exchanges among countries and nationalities and the pace of globalization is steadily moving forward. Under the background that China proposes the idea of “a community with a shared future for mankind” and implements the two initiatives “One Belt One Road” and “Carrying forward and

spreading Chinese Traditional Culture”, BNU continues to adhere to the concept of building platforms and extensive cooperation, actively cooperates with China Ministry of Education’s Center for Language Education and Cooperation, aiming to make its own contribution to enhance the international communications between China and foreign countries. To promote the understanding of traditional and contemporary Chinese culture among outstanding young people worldwide, enhance the communication between Chinese and foreign youths, the School of Philosophy of BNU plans to hold “Chinese Thought and Modern Civilization” - the 7th New Sinology Program-BNU Philosophy Summer School” on July 4, 2022. In the past, we successfully held six BNU Philosophy Summer School programs respectively in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021. This time we will center on the topic “Self and Others on the Horizon of Chinese and Western Culture” and how this topic influences the contemporary social culture.

Introduction to the School of Philosophy

The School of Philosophy of Beijing Normal University is an important center of philosophy and social sciences’ education and research in China, with strong teaching and research strength in all majors. In recent years, our philosophy subject ranked as A in the

Ministry of Education's discipline evaluation. In 2022, the philosophy subject of Beijing Normal University was listed in the second round of double top-class universities and disciplines. Meanwhile, Beijing Normal University's Value and Culture Research Center was established in January 2000, and at the same year, it was approved as a key Research Base of Education Ministry's Humanities and Social Sciences in November.

4) The Goal and the Characteristics of the Program

The Goal of the Program

The program mainly aims at outstanding overseas young scholars engaging in related research and doctoral students of the "New Sinology Program". We take full advantages of the rich resources of experts and scholars, reflect diverse knowledge backgrounds, academic perspectives and teaching styles, help students to broaden academic horizons and improve academic skills, promote international academic exchanges and cooperation, cultivate the young generation of research scholars, and promote their in-depth understanding of traditional Chinese thought and culture.

The Characteristics of the Program

Based on the successful experience of previous offline summer schools and the 2021 online summer school, we have established the main activities of this program: **academic lectures, Chinese traditional culture experience, group discussion, and summary**

presentation. We hope that through these four activities students can deeply study and understand the themes of this program: traditional Chinese Confucianism and Taoism ideology and culture, the historical origins of Eastern and Western cultures and the new forms of Chinese traditional culture in contemporary. In terms of faculty allocation, course arrangement, cultural experience, etc., our program will help students to deepen their understanding of traditional Chinese culture and contemporary China in a professional and rigorous academic atmosphere, and will help to cultivate young leaders who are interested in sinology research and Sino-foreign cultural exchanges. In addition, in the harmonious and relaxing learning environment created by the summer school, students from different countries and civilizations can communicate freely, enhance their understanding of each other's civilizations and cultures and forge a profound international friendship.

5) Guest Speakers and other Conditions of the Program (such as introduction to speakers, environment, equipment, etc.)

Based on the goals and characteristics mentioned above, we have invited eight well-known scholars based in China, USA, and Singapore from five universities and institutions, etc. International scholars include Prof. Roger T. Ames(USA) from Peking University, Prof. LIU Xiaogan(Singapore) from Beijing Normal University, Prof. Huang Yong(USA) and Prof. David Chai(Canada) from The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Researcher Dr. David Bartosch(Germany) from Beijing Normal University (Zhuhai Campus); Chinese scholars

include Prof. PENG Guoxiang from Zhejiang University, Associate Researcher KUANG Zhao from Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and Associate Professor Jiang Limei from Beijing Normal University.

The scholars have diverse knowledge backgrounds, academic perspectives and teaching styles. Meanwhile, they have harmoniously integrated into the topic of this program, truly implementing unity and diversity.

6) Requirements for Application

The participants are mainly outstanding young overseas scholars who have engaged in relevant research, and young foreign students in relevant domestic universities. Applications are open to non-Chinese citizens under the age of 45, and a Master's degree or above is preferred. Ideal participants are young scholars who have considerable interest in traditional Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese society, have a basic comprehension and grasp of Chinese philosophy, history, literature, etc., show concern for public affairs, and aspire to make positive contributions to Sino-foreign exchanges and cooperation. The expected number of enrollments is around 50 in total.

7) Application Deadline

How to apply

Applicants should fill in the application form and submit application materials before June 12, 2022:

Required materials should be sent to bnuphisummerschool@163.com, entitled "BNU summer school + school + English name + (Chinese name)"

[Application materials]

- (1) Passport front page (scanned);
- (2) CV (less than 3 pages);
- (3) Completed application form (please see the attachment);
- (4) Two reference letters (from your academic supervisors or current employer);
- (5) Personal statement (less than 2 pages). Please include the reasons why you are interested in the program, your academic and social achievements;
- (6) An essay that discusses your interests in, and/or previous study of, Chinese traditional philosophy (no less than 1000 words).

8) Application Steps (According to Admission Regulations)

1. Applicants should fill in the application form and submit the application materials before June 12th 2022, and send them to bnuphisummerschool@163.com (the summer school program email).
2. Our committee will assess the applications and inform successful applicants with an acceptance email by June 27, 2022.
3. Apply successfully and participate in the project on schedule.

9) Contact Information

International affairs secretary for the School of Philosophy BNU

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10) Fees and Scholarship

None.

(Since this program will be held online, there is no fee or scholarship available.)

11) Requirements for Completion

1. Full attendance in the program courses and group discussions.
2. Submit a final essay (summary) to **fuhualai@bnu.edu.cn** by July 15th (12:00 at noon Beijing time) with no less than 1500 English and 3000 Chinese characters.

*Students who meet the above requirements will receive a completion certificate after the program.

12) Program Activities and Schedule

Activities

Academic lectures: expert lectures, scholars' comments and Q&A sessions. .

Chinese traditional culture experience: Students will

experience Chinese culture by practicing activities led by professional teachers. Culture performances such as Chinese calligraphy and Kung fu & Tai chi will also be demonstrated in the sessions.

Group discussion: Students will be divided into smaller groups based on the topics, and the academic tutors will provide specific guidance for students during the discussion.

Student presentation: Students will present their academic achievements through the courses on the last day of this program, and submit about 1,000 words of learning experience afterwards.

Schedule

Date	Time	Content	Location
Day 1 July 4th (Monday):	18:00-18:30	Opening Ceremony	on-line
	18:30-20:30	Lecture (1) Professor Roger T.Ames: The Confucian Philosophy of Family Feeling as an Inspiration for a New World Order	on-line
Day 2 July 5th (Tuesday):	18:00-20:00	Lecture(2) Professor HUANG, Yong: Why Toleration Is Not a Virtue: A Daoist Argument from the <i>Zhuangzi</i> .	on-line

	20:00-22:00	Cultural Experience (1) –Chinese Kung fu (Tai chi) Dr. HAO, Zhiyong	on-line
Day 3 July 6th (Wednesday):	18:00-20:00	Lecture (3) (including Tea art display) Associate Professor JIANG, Limei	on-line
	20:00-22:00	Lecture (4) Professor David Chai : Martin Buber and Zhuangzi on Inter human Philosophy	on-line
Day 4 July 7th (Thursday):	18:00-20:00	Lecture (5) Professor PENG, Guoxiang : Confucian One-body World View: A Perspective to Look at the Relations between Self and Others	on-line
	20:00-22:00	Cultural Experience (2) - Chinese calligraphy David Smith	on-line
Day 5 July 8th (Friday):	18:00-20:00	Lecture (6) Associate researcher KUANG, Zhao : Practice of Cultivation in Early Confucianism and Taoism	on-line
	20:00-22:00	Lecture (7) Dr. David Bartosch : Wang Yangming and Alfred North Whitehead: A Comparison	on-line
Day 6 July 9th (Saturday):	19:00-21:00	Lecture (8) Professor LIU, Xiaogan :	on-line

		Laozi's All Embracing VS. Western Toleration	
	21:00-22:00	Group Discussion Salon Associate Professor JIANG, Limei Dr. CUI, Xiaojiao Dr. CHU, Ke	on-line
Day 7 July 10th (Sunday):	19:00-21:00	Students Presentation	on-line