

Conference Program

FRIDAY, MAY 17

16:00-16:30	Welcome addresses by Sašo Jerše, Luka Culiberg, Selusi Ambrogio and Ann A. Pang-White ; Opening speech by Jana S. Rošker
16:30-17:30	KEYNOTE SPEECH 1 (Chair: Jana S. Rošker) Graham Priest: Wu (無): Paradox and Emptiness
17:30-18:00	Discussion
18:00-20:00	Reception – Standing dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 18

9:00-11:00	PANEL 1: FROM HEGEL TO HEIDEGGER AND BEYOND (Chair: Tara Peterzell) Gregor Moder: To Begin with Nothing Niels Weidtmann: “The bird flies »like« a bird:” Nothingness reigns in the heart of every single being Tzu Chien Tho: Tho Tzuchien: Localization and Incompleteness: Mathematical ontology in Badiou and the Yijing
11:00-11:20	Tea and Coffee break
11:20-13:20	PANEL 2: CLASSICAL CHINESE PERSPECTIVES ON NOTHINGNESS (Chair: Marko Ogrizek) David Chai: Liezi’s Meontological Cosmogony Fabian Heubel: Without Nothingness: Transcultural Reflections on Way and Being John Makeham: Two Confucian Critiques of Nothingness: “There is No Nothingness” and “The Doctrine of Emptiness is Devoid of a Foundation”
13:20-14:50	Lunch
14:50-16:50	PANEL 3: NOTHINGNESS: RELATIONAL SEMANTICS AND META-PHYSICS (Chair: Téa Sernelj) Tomomi Asakura: Nothingness and the Determination of Meaning Rafal Banka: Nothingness of Dao in the Daodejing: A Mereological Interpretation Lisa Indraccolo: The Fullness of Emptiness - On <i>wú</i> 無, quantum foam, and the meta-physics of nothing in early Chinese thought
16:50-17:10	Tea and Coffee break
17:10-18:10	KEYNOTE SPEECH 2 (Chair: Jana S. Rošker) Eric T. Nelson: Laozi’s Nothingness, Zen Emptiness, and Heidegger’s Turn from the Nothing to the Clearing
18:10-18:40	Discussion
19:00	Dinner

SUNDAY, MAY 19

9:00-11:00	<p>PANEL 4: KYOTO SCHOOL: SOME PROS AND CONTRAS (Chair: Tamara Ditrich)</p> <p>Lehel Balogh: A Personal Encounter with Nothingness: The Kyoto School's Views on Self-Transformation, Emptiness, and the No-self</p> <p>Hashi Hisaki: Zettai-mu 絶対無: The "Absolute Nothingness" or the "Unlimited Openness"? In the topos of Nishida's philosophy with the principle of "Absolute-Contradictory Self-Identity"</p> <p>Jana S. Rošker: From Fundamental Absence to Absolute Nothingness: Sublating Nishida Kitaro's and Wang Bi's Meontologies</p>	<p>PANEL 5: CONFUCIAN APPROACHES TO NOTHINGNESS (Chair: Yang Xiaobo)</p> <p>Marko Ogrizek: A Fear of Nothingness and Emptiness in the Teachings of Itō Jinsai</p> <p>Tea Sernelj: Modern New Confucians on Nothingness and Non-being: Interpretation by Fang Dongmei and Cheng Chung-ying</p> <p>Selusi Ambrogio: Nothingness as The Place of Cosmic Creativity and Life. A Dialogue on the Coincidence of Nothingness and Infinite between East and West</p>
11:00-11:20	Tea and Coffee break	
11:20-13:20	<p>PANEL 6: ZERO AND ITS POWER (Chair: Selusi Ambrogio)</p> <p>Olga Markič: Zero and Nothingness</p> <p>Tamara Ditrich: The notions of zero, absence, emptiness, and nothingness: a Theravāda Buddhist perspective</p> <p>Kateřina Gajdořov: Agent Zero: Hidden Relation between Nothingness and Power</p>	<p>PANEL 7: CONTEXTUALIZING THE JAPANESE PHILOSOPHY OF NOTHINGNESS (Chair: Hashi Hisaki)</p> <p>Tara Peternell: Nothingness and Death, an Ontological Dialogue Between the Kyōto School and Heidegger</p> <p>Yang Xiaobo: "Nothingness" Under the Possible Worlds Theory</p> <p>Janko Lozar Mrevlje: A Bit More Ado about Nothing</p>
13:20-14:50	Lunch	
14:50-16:50	<p>PANEL 8: BEING AND NON-BEING (Chair: Fabian Heubel)</p> <p>Andrej Ule: A Brief Inquiry into Being and Nothingness</p> <p>Panagiotis Thanassas: Non-Being and Truth in Parmenides</p> <p>Luka Peruři: Nothingness, Freedom, and Morality</p>	<p>PANEL 9: THE NEVER-ENDING NOTHINGNESS (Chair: Kateřina Gajdořov)</p> <p>Mario Wenning: Nothing for Children: On the Never-ending Story</p> <p>Wu Huiling: Discussion on "Dao (道)" and Nothingness in the Zhuangzi</p> <p>Xia Kejun: How to Use Nothing: Re-generation of World in Nancy, Heidegger and Daoist Philosophy</p>
16:50-17:00	Closing remarks	

17:00-18:20	Organized sightseeing in Ljubljana or individual and free pursue of nothingness
18:20-19:40	Dinner
20:00	Theatre Performance (Frog in the Well)

MONDAY MAY 20

Trip to Postojna cave, Predjama castle, Hrastovlje and Piran

REGISTRATION for the event is scheduled for **Friday, May 17, from 15:30 to 16:00, at the conference venue.** Participants will be met in front of the hotel at 15:10 and will walk together with guides to the conference location.

Conference Panel Time Allocation and Structure:

Each panel lasts two hours (120 minutes), with each speaker having 40 minutes. This time is divided into:

- Presentation: Approximately 25 minutes

- Q & A: Approximately 15 minutes

Location: Main building of the University of Ljubljana, Kongresni trg 12, 1000 Ljubljana, Assembly Hall (Zbornična dvorana)

All events will take place in this main building.

Keynote speeches and plenary panels (Panel 1, 2, and 3):

Assembly Hall (Zbornična dvorana)

Double panels:

Panels 4, 6, and 8: Assembly Hall (Zbornična dvorana)

Panels 5, 7, and 9: Hall of Rectors (Dvorana rektorjev)