

Preface

This booklet is a sequel to *Whither Japanese Philosophy?* (UTCP Booklet 11, 2009). UTCP continued to organize and host lively activities on Japanese Philosophy in 2009 as well. Scholars from abroad came to give the following talks at UTCP (the sessions marked * are those published in this booklet):

May 22, 2009.

Naoki Sakai (Cornell University)* “Eurocentrism and Nationalism: Restrictions after the Pacific War”

Harry D. Harootunian (at the time at New York University)* “Unpredictable Pasts/ Uneven Temporalizations: Forms of Time and the Prospect of Comparability”

June 23, 2009.

Richard Reitan (Franklin and Marshall College)* “The Social Mind and the Body of the Crowd: Crowd Psychology in early Twentieth Century Japan”

July 7, 2009.

Dennitza Gabrakova (City University of Hong Kong)* “The Archipelagic Thought—Traveling Theory in Japan”

July 16, 2009.

Eddy Dufourmont (University of Bordeaux 3)* “Confucianism and Philosophy in Modern Japan”

January 8, 2010.

Eddy Dufourmont (University of Bordeaux 3)* “The Relation between Nakae Chōmin’s Materialism and French Philosophy: With Special Reference to Jean-Marie Guyau and Eugène Véron”

Members of UTCP gave the following talks on Japanese Philosophy:

June 3–5, 2009.

Sakiko Kitagawa “Living as a Woman and Thinking as a Mother in Japan: A Feminine Line of Japanese Moral Philosophy,” in Workshop on *Japanese Philosophy: Confluences and Cross-Currents* at University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

September 7, 2009.

Yuji Nishiyama* “Save the Name of Democracy: Maruyama Masao,” in the Colloquium by the East Asian Studies Department of Cornell University

December 14–16, 2009.

Takahiro Nakajima “Historiography of Naitō Konan: How to put aside the desire for an ‘Interconnected Order’ (*tong*),” in the International Conference on *History, Identity and the Future in Modern East Asia: Interrogating History and Modernity in Japan and China*, at Fudan University, Shanghai

It is becoming much more important to study Japanese Philosophy within an international context. UTCP is eager to contribute to this ineluctable trend from the Japan side. We are considering the possibility of establishing an international consortium for Japanese Philosophy as a platform in which faculty members and young scholars frequently come and go to have discussions about Japanese Philosophy. Our published collection is no more than a small step for such a future, but we believe that it is an important one. We will continue to burn this small torchlight.

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