

# **Confucianism in Dialogue with Cultures and Religions**

*A Conference in Honor of Professor Tu Weiming*

*June 11-13, 2019*

*Georgetown University*

*George Mason University*

*Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies, Peking University*

## ~ ABOUT PROF. TU WEIMING ~



Prof. Tu Weiming (1940-) has played a leading role in the creative development of modern Confucianism as a global intellectual discourse. Beginning his studies of the Confucian classics at the age of 14, Tu has spent more than six decades in ongoing dialogue with other Axial Age civilisations and indigenous spiritual traditions, refining the essence of the Confucian legacy for the modern world. Instead of adopting a narrowly academic approach in his writing, he has forged a pioneering path consonant with Confucian humanism itself, abandoning the academic publication treadmill and the contemporary bandwagon of increasing specialisation in favour of more authentically humanistic discourse.

Tu has lectured at more than a hundred universities around the world, occupied leadership roles in various international organisations, and engaged in dialogues with a broad spectrum of intellectual leaders with the aim of strengthening the flame of Confucianism for future generations. Examining the Confucian tradition in a spirit of critical innovation and intellectual honesty against a backdrop of cultural globalisation, Tu has sought to promote nothing less than a renaissance of Chinese culture. Transcending modern and postmodern secularism, he has achieved international prominence with four open-ended projects:

1. *The Creative Transformation of Confucianism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

Tu defines Chinese culture as a “culture of learning,” namely an ongoing process of “learning to be human,” highlighting Chinese culture’s traditional ability to absorb foreign wisdom and to engage in self-criticism and reflection.

2. *Cultural China*

This concept transcends geography and politics to offer a common roof to all those who are intellectually and emotionally connected to China and its people.

3. *Evaluating the Legacy of the Enlightenment*

Tu enlists the rich Confucian tradition as an ally in the fight to right the excesses of environmental degradation and anthropocentrism produced by overreliance on the “Enlightenment mentality.”

4. *Dialogue of Civilisations*

Though he can scarcely be credited with initiating this project on his own, Tu has been a leading Confucian voice in the global chorus of opposition to the Clash of Civilisations paradigm.

In 2009, Tu left his Professor’s chair at Harvard University for Peking University’s Department of Philosophy; his mission was to contribute to reform of Chinese humanistic education against a tide of rising nationalism and anti-globalisation sentiment. Over the past decade, enriched by a lifetime of global dialogue, he has brought his broad Confucian perspective to bear, beyond traditional academic boundaries, on a range of challenges facing the real world. His advocacy of reform in the humanities - a reform commensurate with the challenges of the 21st Century - has culminated in his coining of the term “Spiritual Humanism.”

Spiritual Humanism is an attempt to situate the universal call of ethics in an open, integrated and harmonious house in which body and spirit, the individual and society, humanity and nature, the secular and the sacred are all welcome, and to provide human rather than abstract solutions to the many problems we face.

Over the course of his long career, Prof. Tu has offered guidance to thousands of undergraduate students, as well as supervision to hundreds of postgraduates from every corner of the globe. Many of these former students have since assumed leadership positions within the Academy and beyond.

~ CONFERENCE SCHEDULE ~

Monday, June 10, 2019	
All day	<p>Arrival of participants with long-distance flights. Meals at your own time/expense. See Appendix 1 for nearby options.</p> <p>Accommodation: <a href="#">Georgetown Hotel &amp; Conference Center</a>            3800 Reservoir Rd NW            Washington, DC 20057            Phone: (202) 687-3200            Check-in time: 4:00 pm</p> <p>If any assistance is needed, please feel free to contact Teng-Kuan Ng at (202) 213-3995. For accommodation-related inquiries, please feel free to contact Theology &amp; Religious Studies department office coordinator Nelise Jeffrey at (202) 687-5846 during office hours.</p>
Tuesday, June 11, 2019	
Morning - Afternoon	<p>7:00 – 11:00 am: Breakfast at participants’ own time at the Faculty Club Restaurant</p> <p>Further arrivals</p>
5:00 – 6:30 pm	<p><b>Opening of the Conference</b>            Venue: Riggs Library, south tower of Healy Hall, Georgetown University            Welcome and introductions by Peter Phan (Georgetown University) &amp; Young-chan Ro (George Mason University)</p> <p><b>Public Lecture: “Spiritual Humanism: Self, Community, Earth, and Heaven”</b>            Tu Weiming (Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies)</p>
7:00 – 9:00 pm	<p>Welcome Reception and Dinner for participants at Bulldog Tavern (in the Healey Family Student Center)</p>
Wednesday, June 12, 2019	
7:00 – 9:00 am	<p>Breakfast at participants’ own time at the Faculty Club Restaurant</p>
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	<p><b>Session 1: Confucianism in Dialogue with Cultures</b>            Venue: New North 107 (Department of Theology &amp; Religious Studies conference room)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9:00 – 9:30 am: Robert Neville (Boston University), “Tu Weiming and Boston Confucianism”</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9:30 – 10:00 am: Abdulaziz Sachedina (George Mason University), “Tu Weiming’s Legacy in Advancing Dialogue of Civilization”</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10:00 – 10:30 am: Coffee Break</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10:30 – 11:00 am: Young-chan Ro (George Mason University), “A Vision for New Humanity: Tu Weiming and Raimon Panikkar”</li> <li>● 11:00 – 11:30 am: Joseph Adler (Kenyon College), “Confucianism as a Religious Tradition”</li> <li>● 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: General discussion</li> </ul>
12:30 – 2:30 pm	Lunch: Italian fare (Georgetown Catering), Department Faculty Lounge
2:30 – 5:30 pm	<p><b>Session 2: Confucianism in Dialogue with Religions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2:30 – 3:00 pm: Peter Phan (Georgetown University), “Confucianism and Vietnamese Catholicism”</li> <li>● 3:00 – 3:30 pm: Deming Jiao (Tsinghua University) “Embodied Knowing, Self-Knowledge and ‘Holding Fast and Preserving Mind’ (<i>caocun</i>)”</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>3:30 – 4:00 pm: Coffee Break</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3:30 – 4:00 pm: Michiko Yusa (Western Washington University), “From Tao Yuanming and Liu Zongyuan to Dogen and Basho: Creativity and <i>Tian-di-ren</i>”</li> <li>● 4:00 – 4:30 pm: Erin Cline (Georgetown University), “Confucian Spirituality and the Ignatian Tradition”</li> <li>● 4:30 – 5:30 pm: General discussion</li> </ul>
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Dinner: Pinstripes (1064 Wisconsin Ave NW). A chartered shuttle will leave <i>from</i> the GU main gates at 5:45 pm. Another shuttle will depart Pinstripes <i>for</i> GU at 8 pm.
<b>Thursday, June 13, 2019</b>	
7:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast at participants’ own time at the Faculty Club Restaurant
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	<p><b>Session 3: Confucianism in Dialogue with the Ecological Movement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9:00 – 9:30 am: Mary Evelyn Tucker (Yale University), “Confucianism and Religious Naturalism”</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9:30 – 10:00 am: Guoxiang Peng (Zhejiang University), “Nature as Values: A Confucian One-Body Ecological Vision”</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10:00 - 10:30 am: Coffee Break</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10:30 – 11:00 am: Maria Dakake (George Mason University), “Self-Restraint and the Human Responsibility to (not for) the Natural World”</li> <li>● 11:00 – 11:30 am: John Grim (Yale University), “Cosmovision Among Indigenous Peoples in Ecological Dialogue With Confucianism”</li> <li>● 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: General discussion</li> </ul>
12:30 – 2:30 pm	Lunch: Mediterranean fare (Georgetown catering), Department Faculty Lounge
2:30 – 5:30 pm	<p><b>Confucianism in Dialogue with Society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2:30 – 3:00 pm: Fred Dallmayr (University of Notre Dame), “Confucianism and Public Realm: Five Relations Plus One”</li> <li>● 3:00 – 3:30 pm: Jianbao Wang (Peking University), “The Past, Present and Future of <i>Rushang</i> (Confucian Entrepreneurs)”</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>3:30 – 4:00 pm: Coffee Break</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3:30 – 4:00 pm: Michael Kalton (University of Washington Tacoma), “The Anthropocene Turn in New Confucian Governance: Implication for China and World”</li> <li>● 4:00 - 5:00 pm: General discussion and conclusion</li> </ul>
6:00 pm	Closing Banquet: Riggs Library
<b>Friday, June 14, 2019</b>	
Morning	<p>7:00 – 11:00 am: Breakfast at participants’ own time at the Faculty Club Restaurant</p> <p>Departures</p> <p>11:00 am: Hotel check-out time</p>

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## ~ DINING ~

### On-Campus

- [Epicurean & Company](#) [Between #16 and #17 on the GU Campus Map]:<sup>1</sup> Buffet-style cafeteria + sandwich, pizza, sushi, and noodle options.
- Hoya Court [#22]: Food court with salad, burger (Chick-fil-A), and café options.
- [Bulldog Tavern](#) [#61]: American cuisine.

### Off-Campus (< 3 mins walk)

- Saxby's [intersection of O St & 35<sup>th</sup> St]:<sup>2</sup> Pleasant café with cakes, pastries, sandwiches, and wraps.
- [The Tombs](#) [#5]: American cuisine. Popular among students.
- [Wisemiller's Deli](#) [near the intersection of Prospect St & 36<sup>th</sup> St]: Sandwiches, burgers, and salads. A staple among students, especially the "Chicken Madness" sandwich.

### Off-Campus (~10 mins walk)

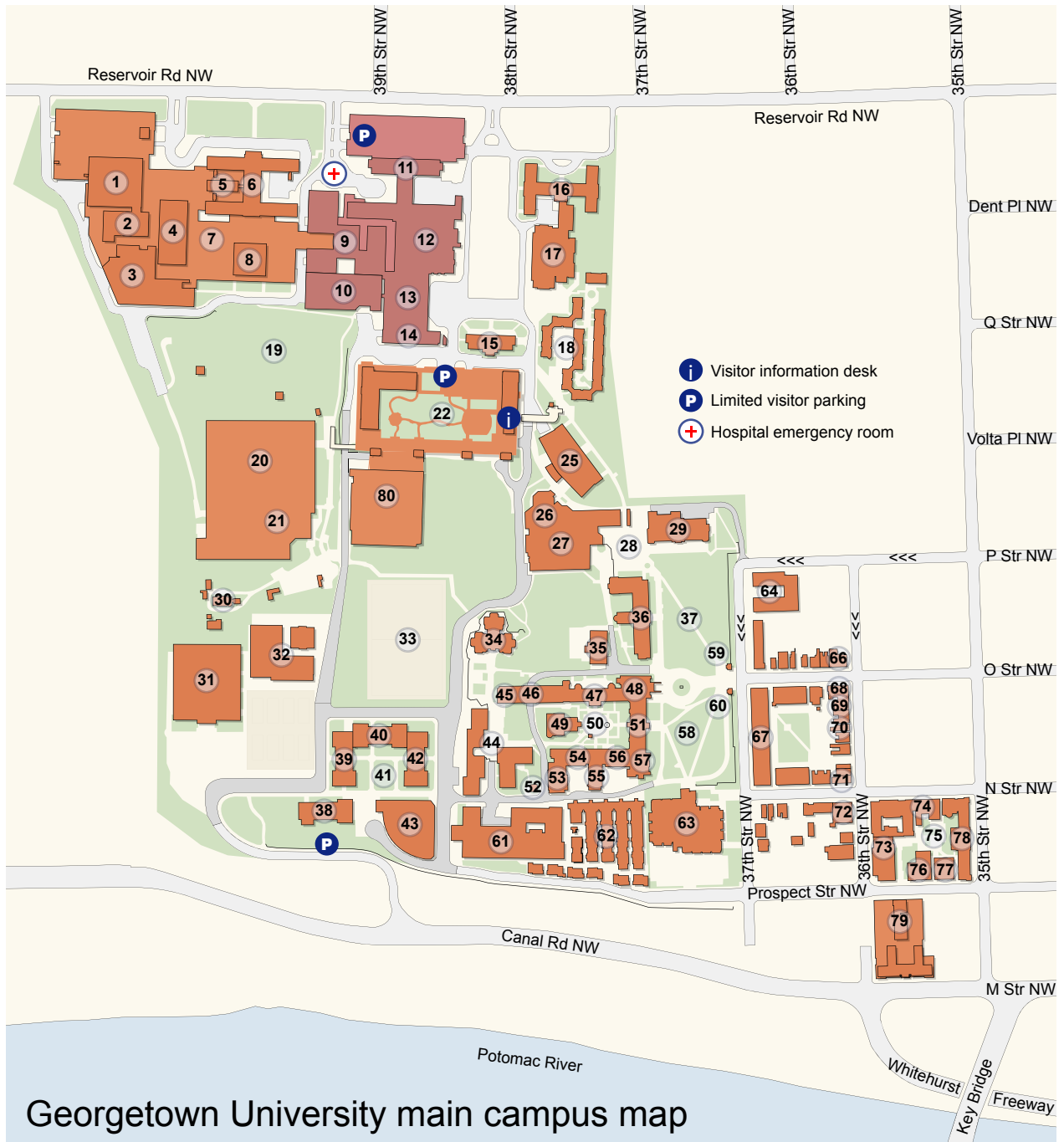
- [Georgetown Cupcake](#): Famous, fancy cupcakes. The lines here can get quite long!
- [Kintaro](#) (1039 33rd St., N.W.): Fine Japanese cuisine.
- [Luke's Lobster](#) (1211 Potomac St NW): Lobster rolls, seafood chowders, and salads.

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<sup>1</sup> The main entrance to the GU Hotel is at the upper left-hand corner of (the rectangular complex that is) #22. Put differently, it is also below #14 and to the left of the "P."

<sup>2</sup> To the right of the GU main gates [#59 & #60] on the map.





## Georgetown University main campus map

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|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (70) Academic Administration         | (72) GU Shops                            | (45) McNeir Auditorium             | (55) Ryan Hall            |
| (71) Academic Administration         | (33) Harbin Field                        | (52) McSherry Building             | (76) Ryder Hall (LXR)     |
| (68) Alumni House                    | (34) Harbin Hall                         | (5) Medical and Dental Annex       | (60) South Gatehouse      |
| (67) Alumni Square (Village B)       | (51) Healy Hall                          | (6) Medical and Dental Building    | (41) Southwest Quadrangle |
| (4) Basic Science Building           | (58) Healy Lawn                          | (54) Mully Building                | (16) St. Mary's Hall      |
| (12) Bles Building                   | (32) Heating and Cooling Plant           | (74) Nevils Building               | (62) Village A            |
| (1) Building D                       | (18) Henle Village                       | (46) New North                     | (44) Village C            |
| (27) Bunn Intercultural Center (ICC) | (26) ICC Auditorium                      | (3) New Research Building          | (73) Walsh Building       |
| (79) Car Barn                        | (69) Institute of Diplomacy              | (61) New South                     | (29) White-Gravenor Hall  |
| (9) Concentrated Care Center         | (38) Jesuit Residence (Wolffington Hall) | (59) North Gatehouse               | (77) Xavier Hall (LXR)    |
| (36) Copley Hall                     | (20) Kehoe Field                         | (19) North Kehoe Field             | (21) Yates Field House    |
| (37) Copley Lawn                     | (40) Kennedy Hall                        | (43) O'Donovan Dining Hall         |                           |
| (49) Dahlgren Chapel                 | (15) Kober Cogan Building                | (30) Observatory                   |                           |
| (8) Dahlgren Medical Library (DML)   | (63) Lauinger Library                    | (47) Old North                     |                           |
| (50) Dahlgren Quadrangle             | (22) Leavey Center                       | (14) Pasquerilla Healthcare Center |                           |
| (17) Darnall Hall                    | (10) Lombardi Cancer Center              | (64) Poulton Hall                  |                           |
| (35) Davis Performing Arts Center    | (78) Loyola Hall (LXR)                   | (7) Pre-Clinical Science Building  |                           |
| (75) East Campus Quadrangle          | (56) Maguire Hall                        | (28) Red Square                    |                           |
| (48) Gaston Hall                     | (42) McCarthy Hall                       | (66) Reed Alumni Residence         |                           |
| (11) Georgetown Univ. Hospital*      | (31) McDonough Gymnasium                 | (25) Reiss Science Building        |                           |
| (53) Gervase Building                | (80) McDonough School of Business        | (2) Research Resource Facility     |                           |
| (13) Gorman Building                 |  | (39) Reynolds Hall                 |                           |
|                                      |  | (57) Riggs Library                 |                           |
- \*Georgetown University Hospital is owned and operated by MedStar Health.