**The Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium**

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The Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium (TMCs for short) is one of two series of biennial conferences founded in 2013 and is hosted by the Department of Philosophy at National Taiwan University. (The other is the Taiwan Philosophical Logic Colloquium (TPLCs) established since 2012.) Funding is mainly sourced from annual donation by Miss Wendy Huang and Shun Yih Ltd. The primary concern of this funding is to promote the research of analytic philosophy, especially in logic, metaphysics, epistemology, and some other related fields in Taiwan and Asian area.

The TMC-series is intended to provide a forum for dialogues amongst researchers working on metaphysical issues/problems, but not exclusively, from a variety of contemporary perspectives, such as philosophical logic, the philosophy of language, the philosophy of mind, to mention a few. The topics involved range from the traditional problems in metaphysics to the contemporary issues such as the metaphysics of modality, metaphysical foundation of mereology, meta-ontology, metametaphysics, metaethics, and so on.

To narrow the scope of the discussions and to enhance the interaction amongst participants, we set a main theme for each TMC-conference. Moreover, each TMC-conference is associated with a series of Wendy-Huang Lectures, given by a renowned philosophers/logicians, the topic of which is related to the main theme of that conference. We also invite several distinguished philosophers and promising young researchers, and welcome contributed talks from abroad. It is expected that some of the invited/contributed talks will focus on, or have some connections with, the main theme of the TMC-conference.

The first Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium (TMC-I, 2013), held on 4 October, 2013, focused on *Actions and the Mind-body Problem*. Professor David Charles (Oriel College, Oxford University) gave the keynote speech ― ‘Are actions events? An Aristotelian perspective’. There are four more invited speakers, including Jamin Asay (Lingnan University, Hong Kong), Colin Klein (Macquarie University, Australia), Hanti Lin (Australian National University, Australia) and Takefumi Toda (Kyoto University, Japan). The second Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium (TMC-II, 2015) was held during 13-14 November, 2015, the main theme of which is ‘Modality and Normativity’. Professor Max J. Cresswell (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand) in his keynote speech, together with his 2015 Wendy Huang Lectures, offered a survey of the metaphysical concept of modality from a historical perspective. Two invited speakers, Kei Chiba (Hokkaido University, Japan) and Adriane Rini (Massey University, New Zealand), presented papers on Aristotle’s notion of modality. Professor Marcia Baron (Indiana University) gave a second keynote speech for the sessions on normativity and related issues in meta-ethics. Satoshi Kodama (University of Tokyo) and Derek Baker (Lingnan University, Hong Kong) are invited to join us. The third Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium (TMC-III, 10-11 November 2017) is a workshop on the philosophy of Donald Davidson, in associated with the celebration of the centenary anniversary of Davidson’s birth to honour his seminal contribution to contemporary philosophy. Two keynote speeches were given by Professor Jennifer Hornsby (Birkbeck College, University of London, also the 2017 Wendy Huang Lectures) and Professor Pascal Engel (I’École des hautes études en sciences sociales(EHESS)− School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, France). There are some other invited speakers including Derek Baker (Lingnan University, Hong Kong), Robert Myers (York University, Canada), Neil Sinhababu (National University Singapore, Singapore), and Claudine Verheggen (York University, Canada). A post-conference proceedings, entitled ‘*Donald Davidson on Action, Mind and Value*’, will be published as a new volume of the ‘Logic in Asia’ (LIAA)-Book Series, Springer.

The fourth Taiwan Metaphysics Colloquium (TMC-IV) originally scheduled in November 2019, but for some reason to be postponed until 8-10 January, 2020.The main theme of TMC-IV is ‘the realism-antirealism debates’, which is very complex, long-lasting and ubiquitous. We focus on five topics/issues, including (but not exclusively):

(i)  Objectivity in Mathematics and Logic — Hartry Field (New York University) [Keynote speech for the conference and 2019 Wendy Huang Lectures.]; Mary Leng (University of York, UK)

(ii) Structural Realism and Philosophy of Mind — Daniel Stoljar (Australian National University, keynote speech)

(iii) The Identity of Indiscernibles — Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra (Oriel College, Oxford)

(iv) Meta-ethical Robustness — Ralf Bader (Merton College, Oxford)

(v) Expressivism — a special panel organized by Simon Goldstein (Lingnan University, Hong Kong), Nate Charlow (University of Toronto); Paolo Santorio (University of Maryland, College Park)

We hope that this series of conferences will provide some stimulating and inspiring impact on the development of analytic philosophy around Asian area, especially in Taiwan.