

Call for papers for *Tetsugaku* vol.8, 2024

Tetsugaku: The International Journal of the Philosophical Association of Japan (e-journal), calls for papers for its special issue on “World Philosophy” (Vol. 8, 2024).

“World Philosophy” is said to be a philosophical standpoint on the basis of the pluralism. This expression came into use largely in the 21st century. We know, for example, that *The Oxford Handbook of World Philosophy* was published in 2011 (ed. Jay Garfield and William Edelglass, New York: Oxford University Press). In recent years, philosophical research of non-Western origin is developing, so that World philosophy can be considered as a position that promotes the possibility of dialogue between these different philosophies, as they developed respectively within their own traditions, languages and cultures. We need to actively explore this kind of World Philosophy.

For the 2022 World Philosophy Day, UNESCO proposed the following: “By enabling to discover the diversity of the intellectual currents in the world, philosophy stimulates intercultural dialogue. By awakening minds to the exercise of thinking and the reasoned confrontation of opinions, philosophy helps to build a more tolerant, more respectful society”.

<https://www.unesco.org/en/days/philosophy>

In basic agreement with UNESCO’s idea this special issue of *Tetsugaku* would like to suggest the following four basic notions as a call for research as well as practice of World philosophy.

– World philosophy is not an established idea or field, but a platform where we will discuss and construct movements.

-We will reorganize culturally and regionally the field of philosophy which has been conceived as “Western based philosophy” by going beyond this.

-World philosophy attempts to re-read the established notions of World literature and World history which have been based on the notion that “science = Western science”.

-Reconsider the established philosophy.

Thus, the special issue covers the following themes (non-exhaustive):

-What is World Philosophy?

-What contribution does World Philosophy make?

-How does one pursue a pluralistic philosophy that breaks away from a focus on Western Europe and North America (Africa, Latin America, Southeast Asia, Native American, Japan, Korea, China etc.)?

-How does World Philosophy challenge contemporary social and cultural issues (life, environment, war, crisis, epidemic, intolerance, economic disparity, gender)?

-How do we think about the traditional philosophical framework (religion, science, art)?

-How can World Philosophy be conceived in terms of translation and language?

[Deadline: 30 November 2023]

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