



**ISCSC**

International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society for  
the Comparative Study of Civilizations**

**June 11-14, 2014**

**Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey, USA  
Can Collective Wisdom Save Civilization?**

Conference Chair: Mary Tepfenhart, Monmouth University  
Program Chair: David J. Rosner, Metropolitan College of New York

**Concurrent Sessions held with Biocosmological Association**

Kwon Jong Yoo, President  
Konstantin Khroutski, Secretary

**All A Sessions in room 104.  
All B Session in room 106.  
All C Sessions in Room 309.  
All D Sessions in Room 310.  
All E sessions in Room 311.**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2014**

**7:00 pm**  
Welcoming reception  
**Wilson Hall**

## **Thursday, June 12**

**8:30 am**

**Wilson Auditorium**

**Introductions from Monmouth University**

**Welcome and Introduction, David J. Rosner, President, ISCSC**

**9:00 to 10:15**

### **Session A: Human Nature I**

David J. Rosner (Metropolitan College of New York), "Human Nature and Collective Wisdom in an Age of Crisis"

Thomas Kiefer (Fordham University), "Revitalizing Ancient Wisdom: Human Nature in Ancient Greek, Indian and Chinese Philosophy"

Leland Beaumont (Independent Scholar), "Pursuing Collective Wisdom, Tackling the Grand Challenges"

Chair: Andrew Targowski

### **Session B: Collective Wisdom and Civilizational Futures**

Yuan Xu (Tsinghua University, China), "Ecological Well-Being – The Solution of the Conflict between Wealth and Faith"

Lynn Rhodes (Independent Scholar), "Verge of Collapse: Survival of Civilization in the Anthropocene"

Chair: Laina Farhat-Holzman

### **Session C: Islamic Civilization**

Hisanori Kato, (Batsuryo College of Osaka), "Capitalist Muslims: Islam as a Facilitator of Economic Activities"

Tseggai Isaac (Missouri University of Science & Technology) reviewing Hichem Djait "Islamic culture in Crisis" and Klaus Schippmann, "Ancient South Arabia"

Chair: Tseggai Isaac

## **Coffee Break 10:15-10:45**

**10:45-12:00**

### **Session A: Wisdom: Theory and Practice**

Andrew Targowski (Western Michigan University), "From Limited to Wise Civilization"

Xiaoting Liu (Beijing Normal University), "Polymerization of Civilization and its Norms"

Bill McGaughey (ISCSC), "Albert Schweitzer's 'Philosophy of Civilization' in the Context of Big History"

Chair: Bill McGaughey

### **Session B: Psychological Approaches to Civilizational Studies**

Yas Yoshiyashi, (University of Kitakyushu, Japan) "Overcoming Self-Centeredness of the Modern Ego: Saul Bellow and Abe Kobo..."

Tianmin Wang (Beijing Normal University), "National Suffering and Redemption of the Cultural Horizon"

Marek Celinski (Psychologist in Private Practice), "The Trauma of Time and the Evolution of Civilization"

Peter Hecht (Independent Scholar, Educational Theorist), "Collective Wisdom - Free Will and Determinism examined using the work of Sigmund Freud, Carl Jung and Karen Horney"

Chair: Marek Celinski

### **Session C: The Nature of Civilization: Theoretical Issues I: The Phenomenon of Civilization and its Scientific Foundations**

Vladimir Alalykin-Izvekov and Stephen Satkiewicz (ISCSC), "Theory of Civilizational Evolution: Three Legacy Case Studies" and "The Phenomenon of Revolution in the Context of Civilizational Evolution".

Vladimir Alalykin-Izvekov reviewing Darren O'Byrne and Alexander Hensby, "Theorizing Global Studies" and John Armstrong, "In Search of Civilization: Remaking a Tarnished Idea"

Chair and Discussant: David Wilkinson

### **Session D: Biocosmological Association (1) General Issues, Biocosmology, Neo-Aristotelianism, Triadology and the Contemporary Civilizational Studies I**

Welcome Address: Kwon Jong Yoo, (Chung-Ang University, S. Korea) President, BCA

Congratulatory Address: David Rosner (Metropolitan College of New York),  
ISCSC President  
Kwon Jong Yoo, (Chung Ang University, Korea) Contemporary Issues of Neo  
Confucianism and Civilizational Studies: Biocosmological Aspects  
Konstantin Khroustki (Novgorod State University, Russia), Rehabilitating Pitirim  
Sorokin's grand Triadologic concept: A Biocosmological approach.

Chair: Xiaoting Liu

### **Session E: Collective Wisdom and Economic Inequality**

Anthony Rodger (Independent Scholar), "Filling Needs, Fulfilling People: The  
Potential of Grassroots Innovation and Networking as an Alternative Socio-  
Economic Wisdom"  
Ralph Leal (Metropolitan College of New York), "Can Collective Wisdom Alleviate  
Economic Inequality?"  
Chair: Ralph Leal

## **Lunch: 12 – 1: 15**

**1:30 – 3:00**

### **Session A: Utopia and Dystopia I**

Laina Farhat-Holzman (ISCSC), "The Great Literary Utopias Have a Nightmarish  
History"  
Toby E. Huff (Harvard University) "Can Civilization Save Us?"  
Brad Hume (Xavier University), "Wisdom, Power, Futurism, Utopia"

Chair: Laina Farhat-Holzman

### **Session B: Book Review Session**

Ross Maxwell (Institute for Historical Study) reviewing Peter J. Taylor,  
"Extraordinary Cities"  
Lynn Rhodes reviewing Brian Fagan, "Floods, Famines and Emperors"  
Connie Lamb reviewing Leibovitz & Miller, "Fortunate Sons"

Chair: Lynn Rhodes

### **Session C: Globalization and Civilization**

Chidozie Ezeozue (Anambra State University, Nigeria), “Nigerian and Ocean Politics: Nigerian Contributions to the International Law of the Sea”

Hemerwanta Rwantabagu (University of Burundi), “Globalization and the Fate of Traditional Institutions: The Case of the ‘Bashingantahe’ Order in Burundi”

Chair: George von der Muhll

### **Session D: Biocosmological Association (2) General issues: Biocosmology, Neo-Aristotelism , Triadology and the Contemporary civilizational Studies II**

Xiaoting Liu (Beijing Normal University), “The Neo-Aristotelianism and Contemporary Culture”

Paul Beaulieu, (University of Quebec), The Core Binding Cosmological Universal Force in Societal and Civilizational Organisms: A Comparative Analysis of Pitirim A. Sorokin’s Triadology and Rudolf Steiner’s Threefoldness Perspectives

Milan Tasic (Serbia, University of Niš, Serbia):

“On the knowledge Ability of the World: From intuition to Turing Machines and Topos Theory”

Chair: Kwon Jong Yoo

### **Session E: Utopia and Dystopia II**

Bill Tepfenhart (Monmouth University), “Brave New World”

David Eisenberg (Columbia University), “The Utopian Animal”

Chair: Marek Celinski

## **Coffee Break 3:00 – 3:30**

**3:30-5:00**

### **Session A: Justice and Civilizational Studies**

Niccolo Caldararo (San Francisco State University), “Human Sacrifice, Capital Punishment, Prisons and Justice”

Zhou Ling (Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, China) and Harry Rhodes (Independent Scholar), “Criminal Justice Models and their Influence on

Civilization: A Comparison of East and West” (Paper will be read by Lynn Rhodes)

Eric Hansen (Independent Scholar), “ A Model of Justice and Mercy and its Application to the Study of Civilizations”

Chair: Randall Groves

### **Session B: Changing the World**

John Grayzel (University of Maryland), Video, “Inspiring Success” followed by presentation, “Can a Group of the Wise Really Change the World?”

### **Session C: Paths to Civilizational Development**

Adan Stevens-Diaz (Temple University)

Martin Droll, Independent Scholar

Yarehk Hernandez (Temple University)

Chair: Anthony Stevens-Arroyo

### **Session D: Biocosmological Association (3) Neo-Aristotelian (Organicist) Issues of Contemporary Social and Cultural Development**

Nargis Nurulla-Khodzaeva (Technical University of Tajikistan), “Community as a Sociocultural Anti-Structure in Central Asia – in the Light of Neo-Aristotelianism”

Koji Tachibana (Kumamoto University, Japan), “The Interdisciplinary Analysis of Aristotelian Wisdom in Ethics, Politics and Natural Sciences”

Xiahua Zhang (China University of Political Science and Law), “A Comparative Study on Organism between Marx and Whitehead”

Chair Konstantin Khroutski

**Excursion to Boardwalk/Seaside/Dinner (time and place to meet TBA)**

**Friday, June 13, 2014**

## **Coffee 8:30 – 9 :00 am**

**9:00-10:15**

### **Session A: Human Nature II**

K. Sieben (Brookdale Community College), “The Question of Human Nature”

L Farhat-Holzman reviewing John Keegan, “The First World War”

Michael Andregg (University of St. Thomas), “A Comparative Analysis of Evil”

David Rosner reviewing Andrew Targowski, “Harnessing the Power of Wisdom”

Chair: David Rosner

### **Session B: Book Review Session: Ancient Civilizations and Ancient Wisdom**

John Grayzell (University of Maryland) reviewing Daniel Richter, “Before the Revolution: America’s Ancient Pasts”

George von der Muhll (University of California) reviewing Kenneth R. Stunkel, “Ideas and Art in Ancient Civilizations”

Adan Stevens (Temple University) reviewing William Dunstan, “Ancient Rome”

Chair: Adan Stevens

### **Session C: Ethnic and Religious Conflict**

Tseggai Isaac (Missouri University of Science & Technology), “Empress Helen of Ethiopia: Bastion of her People, Defender of the Faith”

Joseph Drew (DeVry University & University of Maryland, University College) reviewing Jean Hausmann, “In Search of the Origin of the Nazi Monstrosity”

Anna Makolkin (University of Toronto), “Oscillations between Barbarism and Civilization”

Mary Tepfenhart (Monmouth University) reviewing Tatu Vanhanen, “Ethnic Conflicts”

Chair: Michael Andregg

**Session D. Biocosmological Association (4) Biocosmological (Neo-Aristotelian) Approaches to Tackling the Contemporary Civilizational Issues I**

Tatiana Bystrova (Ural Federal University, Russia), "Integrity as a Criterion of Civilization"

Ming Wong (BCA), "Biocosmology and its Six Presentations"

Vitaliy Sholokhov (Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO), "Studying Pitirim Sorokin's Position on Normative Ethics in Science: Biocosmological Approach"

Chair: Milan Tasic

**Coffee Break 10:15-10:45**

**10:45- 12:00**

**Session A: Nationalism, Imperialism, History**

Anthony Stevens-Arroyo (Brooklyn College, CUNY), "Austria 1914: Nationalisms in a Multi-National Nation-State"

David Wilkinson (UCLA), "Capitalist Imperialism in Transhistorical and Transcultural Perspective: 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Century Venice, Genoa and the Hanse"

Chair: David Wilkinson

**Session B: East & West**

Ashok Malhotra (SUNY Oneonta), "The Exciting Story of the Transcreation of the Tao Te Ching for the Warner Brothers TV Series *Kung Fu*: The Legend Continues and Paintings as Experiential Meditation"

Juri Abe (Rikkyo University, Japan), "East Meet West II",

George von der Muhll reviewing Susan Naquin, "Peking" and Kate Teltscher, "The High Road to China"

Chair: Ashok Malhotra

**Session C: Development of Civilizations II**

Ruan Wei (Shenzhen University, China), "The Spatial Growth of Civilizations"

Norman Rothman (University of Maryland, University College), "Modernization and Tradition among the Pacific Peoples"

Chair: Norman Rothman

**Session D. Biocosmological Association (5) Biocosmological (Neo-Aristotelian) Approaches to Tackling the Contemporary Civilizational Issues II**



Du Jiang (Beijing Normal University), "The Artificial Factor and Natural Link in Spiritual Practice: Seeing from Techne"

Stephen Modell (University of Michigan), "The Meaning of Aristotelian Causation for Molecular Era Medicine and Public Health"

Ho Young Lee (Chung Ang University, Korea), "Biocosmological Philosophy of Dai Zen"

**Chair:** Nargis Nurulla-Khodzaeva

## **Lunch 12-1:30 pm (and Outgoing Board meeting)**

**1:30–3:00 pm**

### **Session A. Civilizational Theory and Collective Wisdom**

Paul Beaulieu (University of Quebec, Montreal), "A Process Perspective on Civilizational Wisdom Evolution"

Diana Prokofyeva (Bashkir State University, Russia), "The Dialectic of Estrangement and Engagement: Social-Philosophic Aspects".

C. Booneke (Monmouth University), "Collective Wisdom and the American Political System"

**Chair:** Paul Beaulieu

### **Session B: The Nature of Civilization: Theoretical Issues II**

Guy Kananen (Independent Scholar), "Real Hope from a Newly Homologized Comparative Model"

J. Randall Groves (Ferris State University), "Mind, Meme and Myth: A Theory of the Origins of Human Mentality and its Implications for the Study of Civilizations"

David Sallach (University of Chicago), "Sorokin Cycles and Axial Transformations: The Road Forward"

**Chair:** J. Randall Groves

### **Session C: Chinese Civilization**

Pierre Dimaculangan (DeVry University, 2014 Student Award Prize Winner), "The Needham Question and the Great Divergence: Why China Fell Behind the West and Lost the Race in Ushering the World into the Industrial Revolution and Modernity"

Pedro Geiger (State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), "Will the 21<sup>st</sup> Century be a Chinese Century?"

Chair: Tseggai Isaac

**Session D. BCA (6) Biocosmological (Neo-Aristotelian) Approaches to Tackling the Contemporary Civilizational Issues III**

Hong Gyu Ha (Yonsei University, Korea), "Erving Goffman and Ethics after Foundationalism: Implications for Confucian Ethics"

Sergey Grinchenko, (Institute of Informatics, Russian Academy of Sciences), "Civilizational Progress with Cybernetic Positions"

Chuanggen Huang (Beijing Normal University), "A Research on Aristotelian 'Phronesis' and its Contemporary Value"

Chair: Koji Tachibana

**Coffee Break: 3:00-3:30**

**3:30-5:00**

**Session A**

**Panel Discussion: "What Unique Insights Arise out of Civilizational Studies?"**

Andrew Targowki, George von der Muhll, Ross Maxwell,

Chair: Ross Maxwell

**Session B: Book Review session**

Mary Tepfenhart (Monmouth University) reviewing: Richard Miles, "Carthage Must be Destroyed"

Laina Farhat-Holtzman (ISCSC) reviewing Bernard Lewis, "The End of Modern History in the Middle East"

Laina Farhat-Holtzman reviewing Paul Kindstedt, "Cheese and Culture."

John Grayzel reviewing Laina Farhat Holtzman "God's Law and Man's Law" and Laina Farhat Holtzman "Strange Birds from Zoroaster's Nest"

Chair: John Grayzel  
**Cheese-Tasting to follow.**

**Session C: Session D: Peaceful Civilizations**

Alan Kramer (Independent Scholar), "Multi-Religious Civilizations in History: Comparative /Conceptual Approaches to Peace"

Adam Black (Monmouth University), "Tanzania – A Paradigm for Peaceful Resolution despite Internal Political and Social Diversity"

Chair: Michael Andregg

**Session D BCA (7) Biocosmological (Neo-Aristotelian) Approaches to Tackling the Contemporary Civilizational Issues IV**

Henry Linder (BCA), "Hierarchical Cosmism: An Outline of the evolution of the Cosmos, its Hierarchical Levels of Complexity, and its Pathologies"

Anna Makolkin (University of Toronto), "The Deconstructed meaning of Civilization as an Aristotelelian Predicate"

Ashok Gangadean (Haverford College), TBA

Chair: Stephen Modell

**Association Banquet 6:00 (Wilson Hall)**

**Saturday June 14**

**9:00-10:15**

**Session A: Ethnicity and Civilizational Studies**

Judie Edlin (Brookdale Community College), “Jewish Plantation Owners and Slavery: A Paradox within Jewish History”

Yan Navarro (State University of Rio de Janeiro), “The Study of the ‘Quilombos’ in the Geography Teaching in Brazil: an Educational Experience”

Chair: Judie Edlin

### **Session B: Technology: Problems and Prospects**

Mary Tepfenhart & Aurora Ioanid (Monmouth University), “The Impact of Technology on Society”

Shaobing Li, (Beijing Normal University) “How to find Happiness in this Technological Era”

Cristina Onciu (Independent Scholar), “The Power of Mass Communication”

Chair: Bill Tepfenhart

### **Session C: Book Review Session**

Marek Celinski reviewing Iain McGilchrist, “The Master and His Emissary”

Ross Maxwell reviewing Michael C. Corballis “The Recursive Mind”

Andrew Targowski also reviewing Corballis.

Andrew Targowski, reviewing Richard Schlegel, “Forging the Methodology that Enlightened Modern Civilization”

Chair: Andrew Targowski

### **Session D: Biocosmological Association General Discussion, Summary, Conclusions, Organizational Issues of the BCA and Future Prospects**

Closing Session, Chairs: Kwong Jong Yoo and Konstantin Khroutski

### **Session E: Education, Wisdom and Social Justice**

H. Jonas Javier (Monmouth University), “The Role of Higher Education in Narrowing the Economic Inequality Gap”

Connie Lamb (Brigham Young University), “The Role of Wisdom and Education in Human and Societal Flourishing”

Chair: Connie Lamb

**10:30- 11:00 General Meeting and Election**

**11-12:00 New Board Meeting**