44th 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

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

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”
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”
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


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 Khroutski (Novgorod State University, Russia), Rehabilitating Pitirim Sorokin’s grand Triadologic concept: A Biocosmological approach.

Chair: Xiaoting Liu

Session E: Collective Wisdom and Economic Inequality

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)
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”
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

Tsegai 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 Haussmann, “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"
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”
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. Boeneke (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”
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 21st 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-Holzman (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 Holzman “God’s Law and Man’s Law” and Laina Farhat Holzman “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


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”

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 Schlagel, “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