

Celebrating Multilingual Discourse

A New Frontier in Philosophical Exchange

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We are delighted to announce the third and last issue of the second volume of the *East Asian Journal of Philosophy*. As we bring this volume to a close, we are excited to introduce a ground-breaking format that reflects our commitment to fostering global philosophical discourse: the multilingual book symposium. In an era marked by growing interconnectivity and cultural diversity, this innovative approach not only enriches our understanding of philosophical works but also reinforces the journal's role as a platform for cross-cultural dialogue.

The role of language has consistently exerted a substantial influence on the development and structure of philosophical discourse. However, linguistic obstacles may occasionally impede the accessibility and dissemination of profound concepts. In light of this recognition, our efforts have been directed at surpassing these constraints through the implementation of a symposium that encompasses a diverse range of languages. Through this approach, our intention is to not only recognize the vastness of language variation but also promote a more extensive interchange of philosophical perspectives.

The focus of our multilingual book symposium is centered on the most recent monograph authored by Mary Wiseman, titled *A Grand Materialism in the New Art*

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from China. Through the publication of this groundbreaking work, Wiseman further advances our understanding of global aesthetics, thereby broadening our intellectual horizons. Given the focus of this book on Chinese art, we have extended invitations to two Chinese academics, Dianna SU and Wengxuan SHI, to partake in the symposium. The authors' perceptive comments are presented in both Chinese and English, allowing readers who may not possess fluency in the latter language to engage in the discourse. We were fortunate to receive responses from Wiseman on the comments.

The symposium serves as evidence of the journal's dedication to promoting diversity. Over the course of its two-year tenure, *EJJP* has encompassed a range of contributions in English, Mandarin, Japanese, and Korean, which are languages that aptly depict the multifaceted East Asian region. This particular approach not only facilitates the exchange of cultural perspectives but also expands the intellectual boundaries of our readership.

As we draw this volume to a close, we extend an invitation to our readers to explore the multilingual symposium, embrace the multitude of perspectives, and reflect upon the interrelatedness of human cognition. *EJJP* maintains a steadfast dedication to challenging traditional forms of communication, and we anxiously anticipate the dialogues that will arise as a result of this groundbreaking methodology in the future.

Thank you for joining us on this intellectual journey. We look forward to welcoming you in the upcoming third volume, where we will continue to explore new frontiers in philosophical exploration.