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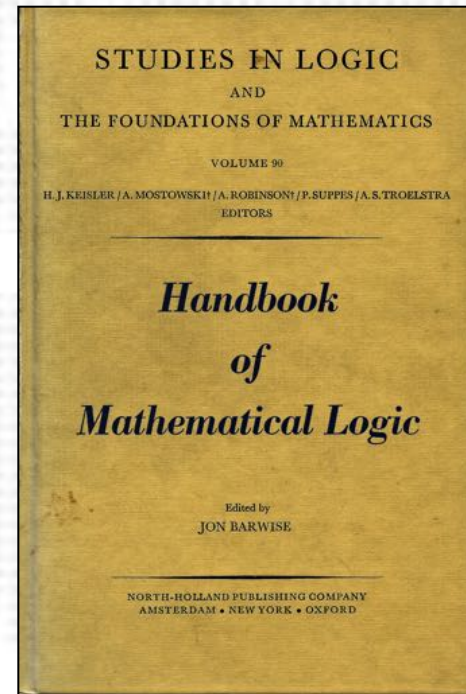
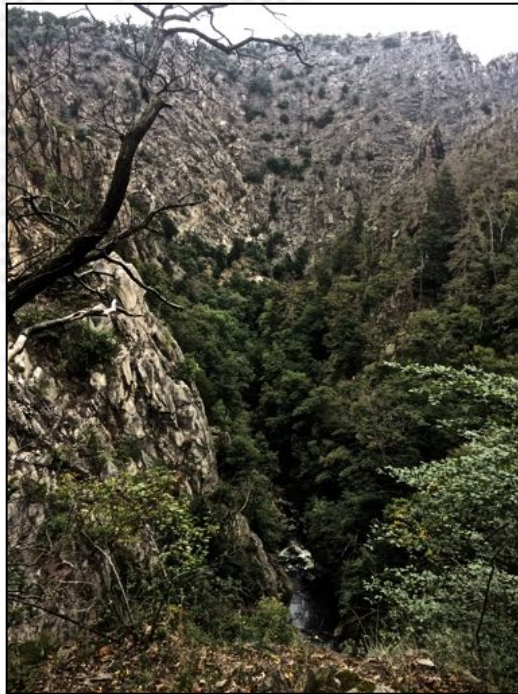
Logic in China and The West

Close Encounters of the Third Kind

FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2021, New Silk Roads, Europe - China Conference, Utrecht

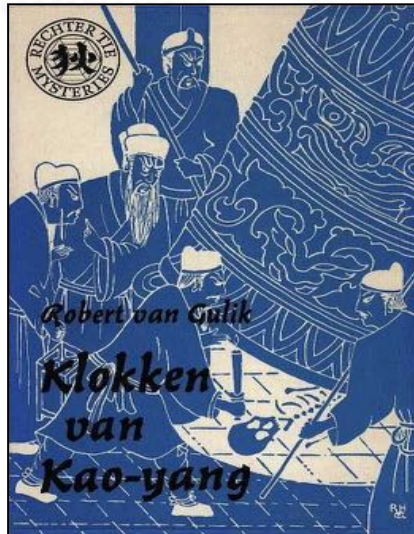


Logic in the Bode Schlucht

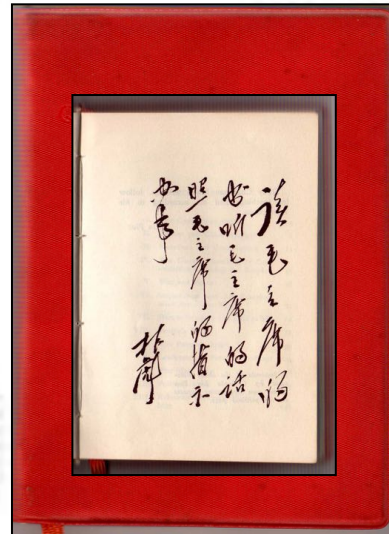


”Please don’t...”

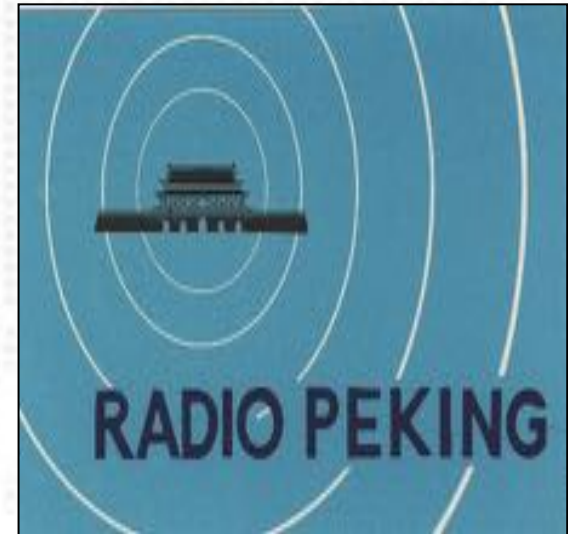
A Young Kid Gazes at China in the 1960s



Judge Dee



Little Red Book



Shortwave World Radio



The Academic Life

One's field adds a new identity

Shared endeavor, no national or racial divides, cohesion by ideas

Greater than ourselves. We contribute to it and pass it on



No Historical or Cultural Boundaries

Colleagues in logic:



Mozi



Aristotle



Dignaga



Ibn Sina

The Silk Road

A good thing?

Seneca on clothes that hide nothing

Merchants, politicians, soldiers,
scholars, artists, traveled the Silk
Road for millennia: academics last

Hubert Vos portrait
of Empress Cixi



Eurasian Culture

After all these historical streams,
'western culture' is Eurasian culture

Each artifact or idea around
you embodies a long past of
cross-cultural influences



timeline Beijing Capital Museum



Tsinghua Campus

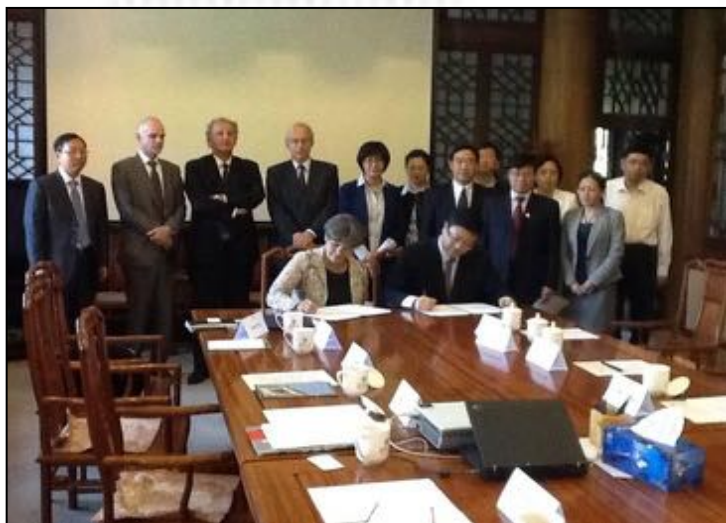


Founded 1911, Boxer indemnity fund

Top ranked university in China

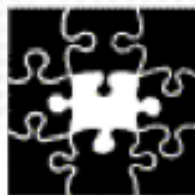


UvA Tsinghua Joint Research Center in Logic

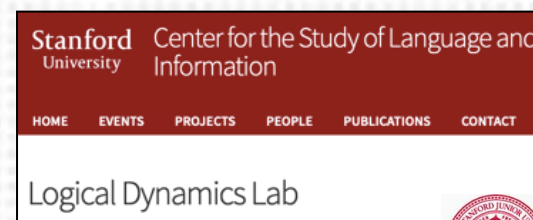




Research



INSTITUTE FOR LOGIC,
LANGUAGE AND COMPUTATION



One World: topics like everywhere

AI, causality, explainability (science + humanities)

Logic angles: Amsterdam.Beijing.Stanford seminar





Teaching

Mining the real gold
in the university:

creative students

We train the future professors





Teachers Are Like Parents

Not just transfer but relationship

Teaching in China: relationship for life



hiking the hills around Beijing



Public Outreach and Surprise Encounters

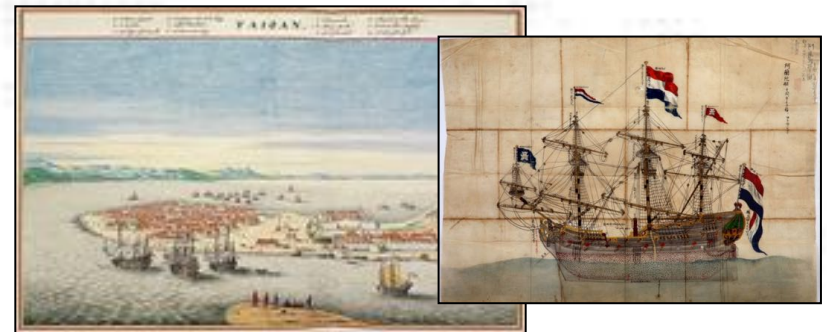
Traveling conferences

LORI Xi'an 2021



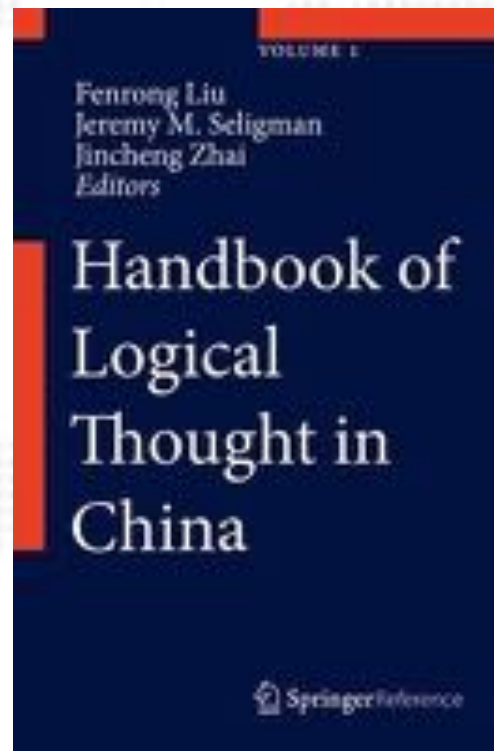
Dutch pirates

Chinese sense of humor

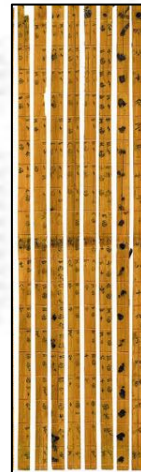
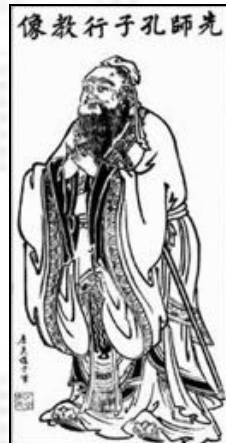




History of Logical Thought in China



Schools in Pre-Unification China



Mohists vs. Confucians:
argumentation, universality
independent from social roles

bamboo slip center

Mohist Logic

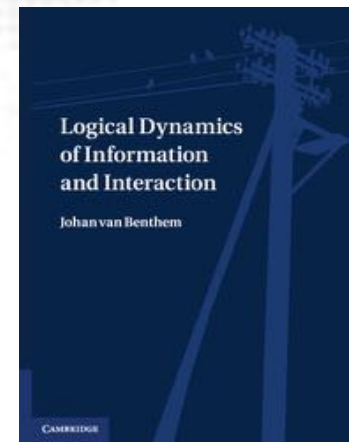
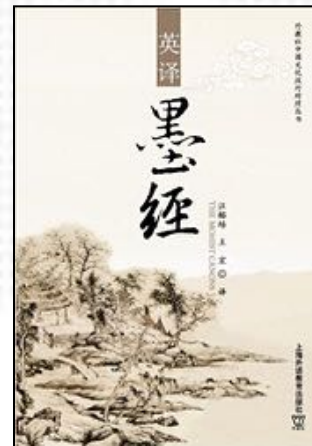
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zhi wen shuo qin

knowledge: hearing from others, proof, or experience

major logical laws behind
these same as today

modern dynamic logics
of information flow



First Encounter: Buddhist Logic



Journey
to the West



live debating practice

Second Encounter: The Jesuits



Euclid (logic, friendship) translated, tomb Matteo Ricci

The Third Encounter



Chinese students overseas, Jin Yuelin



Creating a World History of Logic

24 November 2010
Public lectures: 19:00 - 21:30
De Doelenzaal, Singel 421

Fenrong Liu - Tsinghua University, China - Chinese Logic and Philosophy: Reconstruction or Integration
Rens Bod - Universiteit van Amsterdam - Towards a World History of the Humanities: The Impact of China

The History of Logic in China

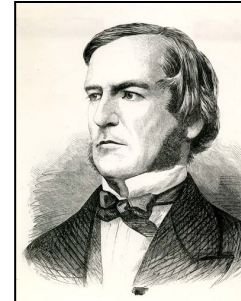
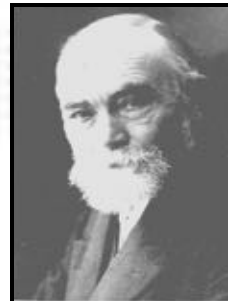
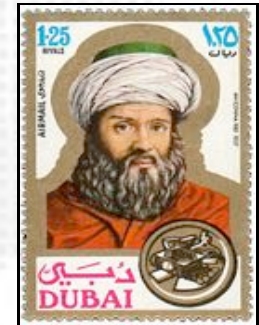
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Workshop
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Convenors:
Johan van Benthem - Universiteit van Amsterdam, the Netherlands & Stanford University, USA
Jeremy Seligman - University of Auckland, New Zealand
Fenrong Liu - Tsinghua University, China

Speakers: Chris Fraser, Chien-Shueh Chu, Karel van der Leeuw, Thierry Lucas, Jingming Zhu, Jee-Sharn Lee, Christopher Harbsmeier, Chad Hansen, Wujing Yang, Fenrong Liu, Jeremy Seligman, Johan van Benthem, Paul van Els, Hsien-Chang Lee, Zhaoshi Zeng, Yun Xie, Zhongyuan Sun

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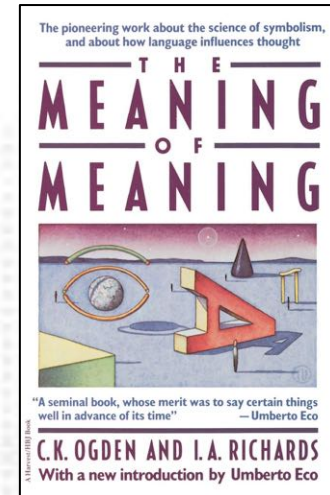


Pre-Conclusion

Bertrand Russell and his school:
language matters

“China” can stand for:
the country, the government,
the culture, the people, etc.

Especially in times of tension,
mixing all these together leads
to harmful confusions



Russell's book on China

My Focus: the Chinese People



longest cable-stay bridge



dancing under the freeway



retirees in the park



Conclusion

Academic cooperation Europe China is more than economic transactions or fleeting encounters

It is about scholars and scientists creating communities and a shared culture

It's not just about today: but a stage in a long history as our ancestors trod the Silk Roads or sailed the southern oceans



Post-Conclusion

For the boy looking from the outside in the 1960s,
it is still an amazing privilege to be involved

