Reading the “Masters”:
Contexts, Textual Structures, and Hermeneutic Strategies

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Conference program:

Sept. 4th (Thursday): arrival at Brno via Vienna or Prague airport

Sept. 5th (Friday):

- each paper 20 minutes + 10 minutes discussion
- 9:00 – 9:30 welcoming speeches
- 9:30 – 10:00 Christian Schwermann: Retracing the ‘Masters’ to Their Authors: Methodological Considerations and Hermeneutic Implications
- 10:00 – 10:30 Lee Ting-mien: A Methodology for Decoding Early Masters’ Non-philosophical Theses – Explanatory Power, Layers of Coherence, and Intertextuality Detection
- 10:30 – 10:45 coffee break
- 11:15 – 11:45 Martin Kern: The Masters in the Shiji
- 11:45 – 13:45 lunch

- 14:15 – 14:45 Oliver Weingarten: Xunzi 1, “Exhortation to Learning”, as a Literary Collage
- 14:45 – 15:00 coffee break
- 15:00 – 15:30 Attilio Andreini: Perceptions of the Laozi after Mawangdui, Guodian and the Peking University corpus of manuscripts. The impact of micro and macro composition strategies on the transmission of a text
- 15:30 – 16:00 Dušan Vávra: Perfect Action in the Zhuangzi – Reading a Heterogenous Text

Dinner

Sept. 6th (Saturday):

- 10:00 – 10:30 Joachim Gentz: Philosophy that can be spoken of... Plato, poetry, and the problem of unity in early Chinese “Masters” (zhuzi) texts
- 10:30 – 10:45 coffee break
- 10:45 – 11:15 Scott Cook: Confucius beyond the Analects: Reconstructing the Master in Light of Excavated and Neglected Texts

- 11:15 – 11:45 Andrew Meyer: Please Don’t Hurt ‘Em Hammer: Modeling the “Master” in the Mozi
- 11:45 – 12:15 Carine Defoort: The Gradual Growth of the Mohist Core Philosophy: Tracing Fixed Formulations in the Mozi

Final discussion / Lunch

Sightseeing in Brno and visit to a Moravian wine cellar

Sept. 7th (Sunday): departure from Vienna or Prague airport

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