



East – West Connections:

Cultural Patterns, Cognitive Patterns and a Good Life

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Lecture Room 2, Level 2, Nanyang Executive Centre
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Wednesday, 16 September

- 8:45am- 9:00am Welcome and introduction by Balázs Gulyás and Jan Vasbinder
- 9:00am- 10:15am [Michael Arbib](#)
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, United States of America
When Brains Design Buildings/When Brains Experience Buildings: Towards a Neuroscience for Architecture
- 10:15am- 10:45am Coffee Break
- 10:45am- 12:00pm [Robert Cloninger](#)
Washington University, St. Louis, United States of America
The Science of the Good Life -- Unraveling the Complexity of Well-being
- 12:00pm- 1:00pm Lunch Break
- 1:00pm- 2:15pm [Ivanka Savic-Berglund](#)
Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden
The Stressed Self in the Time of Cultural Transition
- 2:15pm- 3:30pm [Csaba Pléh](#) and [Ottília Boross](#)¹
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
Pazmany Peter Catholic University, Budapest, Hungary¹
Positive Psychology Traditions and the Concept of Good Life
- 3:30pm- 4:00pm Coffee Break
- 4:00pm- 5:15pm [Michael Khor](#)
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
What is a Worthy Life? Some Cases from the Three Kingdoms

End of day one workshop

Thursday, 17 September

- 9:00am- [Stan Gielen](#)
10:15am Radboud University, The Netherlands
East-West Differences and Consequences for Cognitive Neuroscience
- 10:15am- Coffee Break
10:45am
- 10:45am- [Ernst Pöppel](#)
12:00pm Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany
The Power of Single Cases: Harvesting Serendipity with Respect to Spatial and Temporal Processing
- 12:00pm- Lunch Break
1:00pm
- 1:00pm- [Helena Gao](#)
2:15pm Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Dealing with Two Languages on a Daily Basis: Chinese–English Cultural and Cognitive Patterns
- 2:15pm- [Svend-Erik Larsen](#)
3:30pm University of Aarhus, Denmark
East-West: Forgiveness as a Challenge Across Cultural Patterns of Cognition
- 3:30pm- Coffee Break
4:00pm
- 4:00pm- [Andy Ho](#)
5:15pm Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Living a Good Death: Resolving the Complexity at End of Life through Dignity, Compassion and Mindfulness
- 5:15pm- Closing remarks by Balázs Gulyás
5:25pm

Remarks:

45 min lecture time +- 30 min Q+A time

The final sequence of the lecture may change in order to have a better dovetailing among the topics