

Cultivating Mental Health and the Whole Person: Two complementary day conferences promoting thinking across cultures

Friday 15th December (mental health focus) @9.30-17.00

Saturday 16th December (whole person focus) @9.30-15.00

Room [OC1.01](#)

The Oculus

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On these two, complementary, day-conferences we will engage in cross-cultural dialogue, and explore themes of mental health and the whole person in the context of education. The conferences will explore different approaches taken to education for mental health and the whole person, and different conceptions of the value of cultivating mental health and educating the whole person. There will be a particular focus on UK and Japanese contexts and on exploring the different meanings of mental health and the whole person across these contexts. Both conferences will have a grounding in philosophy, and aim to develop deep exchange across philosophical traditions, as well as across arts-sciences.

Booking Link [here](#) (you can book to attend one or both days. Book a ticket and one of the conference organisers will be in touch to confirm your preference).

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Friday 15th December

9.30-10.00: Welcome

10.00-13.00 (including tea/coffee break)

Dr. Anton Sevilla-Liu (Kyushu University) (online presentation) 'Contextual Behavioural Science, ProSocial, and Pragmatism: A Critical Rethinking of Mental Health'

Dr. Nick Stock (Birmingham University): 'The fantasy of the whole person: Psychoanalytic approaches to mental health in schools'

Mako Miyaji (IoE-UCL) (online presentation): 'Hometown Leaning as a Place-Based Education for Children's Well-Being: A Case of a Primary School in Fukushima, Japan'

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch Break

14.00-17.00 (including tea/coffee break)

Professor Naoko Saito (Kyoto University) and **Dr Tomohiro Akiyama** (Kobe Institute of Computing/ Nanjing University): 'The Great Nest of Being: Toward an Integral Studies as a new Post-Postmodern Paradigm'

Dr Sami Timimi (University of Lincoln): 'The Creation of the Mental Health Epidemic'

Dr Emma Williams (Warwick University): 'From literacy to legibility: Learning a language for mental health'

17.00: Close

Saturday 16th December

9.30-9.45: Welcome

09.45-12.00 (including tea/coffee break)

Professor Roger Ames (Peking University) (online presentation): 'Confucian Role Ethics: A Challenge to the Ideology of Individualism'

Professor Paul Standish (IoE-UCL): 'More doubts about the idea of the whole person'

12.00 – 13.00: Lunch Break

13.00-15.00 (including tea/coffee break)

Reading and discussion: Pierre Hadot, 'Spiritual Exercises', *Philosophy as a Way of Life*

Discussion starters: **Yoonji Kang** (Warwick University); **Sangeun Lee** (IoE-UCL); **Mingrui Mao** (IoE-UCL); **Chien-Ya Sun** (IoE-UCL)

15.00: Close