

**Inner Mongolia University & Inner Mongolia Normal University Hosting: “International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences Chair Programme ‘Local Knowledge, Cosmology, Orality, and Semiotics (LCOS)’ the Inauguration and International Academic Symposium”**

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On April 16, 2026, the inauguration and academic symposium of the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (Conseil International de la Philosophie et des Sciences Humaines, CIPSH) Chair Programme “Local Knowledge, Cosmology, Orality, and Semiotics” (LCOS) was successfully held. The event was jointly organized by Inner Mongolia University and Inner Mongolia Normal University, and co-hosted by the Center for Studies in Northern Borderland Ethnic Languages and Cultures Integration and Transmission at Inner Mongolia University, the School of Literature/Journalism and Communication at Inner Mongolia University, and the School of Ethnology and Anthropology at Inner Mongolia Normal University. The conference invited renowned scholars from China, Austria, Russia, Portugal, Spain, Hungary, and other countries to deliver keynote speeches and academic presentations. The event aimed to promote international exchange and cooperation in research fields such as local knowledge, cosmology, orality, and semiotics.

On the morning of the 16th, the launch ceremony was held in Conference Room 8 of the North Campus of Inner Mongolia University, moderated by Xu Jin, Director of the Office of Humanities and Social Sciences at Inner Mongolia University. Hu Wei, Academic Vice President of Inner Mongolia University; Jia Meilin, Vice President of Inner Mongolia Normal University; Luiz Oosterbeek, President of CIPSH; Chao Gejin, Former President of CIPSH and Director of the Center for Studies in Northern Borderland Ethnic Languages and Cultures Integration and

Transmission at Inner Mongolia University, delivered speeches at the Inauguration ceremony. Mi Yanqing and Naran Bilik, as chairholders, delivered keynote speeches respectively. Shuang Bao, Vice President of the Inner Mongolia Academy of Social Sciences, attended the event.

In her address, Hu Wei stated that the establishment of the CIPSH Chair Programme at Inner Mongolia University represents a high recognition of the university's comprehensive strength in philosophy and social sciences. She noted that the program not only builds a high-level academic exchange platform integrating Chinese and international perspectives for scholars in these fields but also provides a significant opportunity for in-depth academic dialogue, serving as a crucial bridge for senior scholars to engage in international academic cooperation. Jia Meilin, addressing both the development of academic institutions and the advancement of the Chair Programme, pointed out that the approval of the project represents a significant breakthrough in the collaborative innovation between Inner Mongolia University and Inner Mongolia Normal University in serving national strategies. It constitutes an active implementation of the "Outline of the Plan for the Construction of China into an Education Powerhouse (2024-2035)", as well as a crucial measure to promote the creative transformation and innovative development of ethnic cultures, holding far-reaching significance for fostering interdisciplinary development in the humanities and social sciences.



Luiz Oosterbeek reviewed the process of revising the Council's charter in Beijing in 2015, emphasized the pivotal role of universities in academic cooperation, and acknowledged the value of this symposium in deepening international collaboration. Chao Gejin reviewed the development of CIPSH since its establishment in 1949, as well as the relevant academic activities he promoted during his tenure, calling on all sectors to carry forward the academic spirit, deepen cooperation and exchange, and use the humanities to help build an inclusive and sustainable world. Mi Yanqing, centering on the cultural imagery of "bow-and-horse" and "farming-and-reading," employed methods such as textual analysis and interdisciplinary research to conduct an in-depth analysis of the phenomenon of literary integration between Mongolian and Han cultures, elucidating its core value in the inheritance of ethnic culture and the construction of the Chinese national community. Naran Bilik traced the academic origins of the trinity concept, analyzed the

connotations of the traditional Chinese “form, Qi, and spirit” triadic thought, and systematically expounded on the theoretical expansion of symbolic anthropology, emphasizing the contemporary significance of this research for building a community with a shared future for mankind and promoting cross-civilizational dialogue.



The afternoon of the 16th was dedicated to the keynote session. Keynote presentations were held at two venues—Inner Mongolia University and Inner Mongolia Normal University—featuring a total of four keynote lectures and seven parallel sessions. Topics spanned a wide range of fields, including rock art research, epic traditions, the Daoist cosmogony, the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme, the temporality in ancient Chinese cosmological thinking, art and climate, and educational revitalization in the Western world. The research covered a broad scope, combining theoretical depth with practical relevance. Luiz Oosterbeek from the Polytechnic Institute of Tomar in Portugal conducted a cross-cultural semiotic analysis using rock art as his

research subject. Dmitriy Funk from Moscow State Linguistic University in Russia focused on the Shor epic tradition. Through meticulous textual comparison, he pointed out that the “teacher-student” transmission model serves as a crucial safeguard for the legitimacy of epic performance; however, its role is limited to the foundational level, as each storyteller’s linguistic expression exhibits dynamic variability. Chen Xia from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, taking the global dissemination of the *Tao Te Ching* as her entry point, revealed the profound influence of the Daoist cosmic thinking on the Chinese nation’s theoretical implications, social governance, and technological innovation. Adams Bodomo from the University of Vienna, adopting an interdisciplinary perspective, provided new pathways for modern environmental projects to draw upon traditional wisdom and opened up a fresh dimension of thought regarding the integration of local knowledge and international solutions in global environmental initiatives. Sun Xiaochun from the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences provided an in-depth interpretation of the concept of time within ancient cosmology, offering important pathways for understanding temporal issues. Zoltán Somhegyi from the University of Szeged in Hungary combined local cultural experiences with ecological conservation to elucidate the unique value of local knowledge in addressing global ecological challenges. Jesús de la Villa from the Autonomous University of Madrid in Spain explored the intrinsic connection between the revival of classical studies and contemporary humanities education, offering insights for educational dialogue between the East and West.





Following a day of exchanges and discussions, the inauguration and academic symposium on “Local Knowledge, Cosmology, Orality, and Semiotics” concluded successfully. The conference successfully established a platform for academic exchange and cooperation across universities and nations, infusing new vitality into semiotics research and cultural heritage preservation in the fields of philosophy and the humanities. It also provided innovative pathways for deepening international academic collaboration, advancing interdisciplinary research, disseminating local knowledge, and cultivating young academic talent, holding significant and far-reaching implications for the advancement of academic development in these fields.





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THE INAUGURATION AND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM ,  
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PHILOSOPHY AND HUMAN SCIENCES  
CHAIR PROGRAMME “LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, COSMOLOGY, ORALITY,  
AND SEMIOTICS (LCOS)”

**APRIL 16-18**



## 会议议程

### Agenda

2026年4月15日：参会人员报到，内蒙古饭店 April 15, 2026: Registration (Venue: Inner Mongolia Hotel)	
2026年4月16日：启动仪式及学术研讨 April 16, 2026, Inauguration of the CIPSH Chair Programme and Keynote Speech	
10:00-12:00	上午：启动仪式致辞，地址：内蒙古大学北校区8号会议室 Morning: Inauguration of the CIPSH Chair Programme, Venue: Conference Room 8, IMU North Campus
	主持人：许晋（内蒙古大学社会科学处处长） Moderator: XU Jin, Director, Office of Humanities and Social Sciences, Inner Mongolia University
10:00-10:10	胡薇（内蒙古大学学术副校长） 1. Welcome Speech by HuWei, Academic Vice-President of Inner Mongolia University
10:10-10:20	贾美林（内蒙古师范大学副校长） 2. Welcome Speech by JIA Meilin, Vice-President of Inner Mongolia Normal University
10:20-10:40	路易斯·奥斯特贝格（CIPSH主席） 3. Speech by Professor Luiz • Oosterbeek, President of CIPSH
10:40-11:00	米彦青（内蒙古大学教授，CIPSH教席项目主席）：“弓马”与“耕读”： 元至清时期一个共享文学宇宙中的口头性、符号学与地方性知识” 4. Speech by Chairholder, Professor MI Yanqing: “ ‘Bow-and-Horse’ and ‘Farming-and-Reading’ : Orality, Semiotics, and Local Knowledge in a Shared Literary Universe from Yuan to Qing Periods”
11:00-11:20	纳日碧力戈（内蒙古师范大学教授，CIPSH教席项目主席）： “连接东西方的‘三性’——从老子到皮尔士” 5. Speech by Chairholder, Professor Naran Bilik: “Semiotic Anthropology: The ‘Triadicity’ Connecting East and West.”
11:20-11:40	朝戈金（内蒙古大学教授，CIPSH原主席） 6. Welcome Speech by Professor CHAO Gejin, Former President of CIPSH
合影 Taking Photo	
午餐 Lunch	

下午：主旨报告，内蒙古大学文学与新闻传播学院， 地址：玉泉区艺术楼C3006会议室，主持人：朝戈金 April 16, 2026, afternoon: Keynote Speech, Venue: Conference Room C3006, Art Building, School of Literature/ Journalism and Communication, IMU South Campus, Moderator: CHAO Gejin			
TIME	SPEAKER	TITLE& AFFILIATION	TOPIC
14:00-15:30 (including 40 minutes of translation)	路易斯·奥斯特贝克 Luiz • Oosterbeek	葡萄牙托马尔理工学院教授 Professor, Polytechnic Institute of Tomar, Portugal	地方与远方：以岩画为框架透 视多尺度景观 The Local and Beyond: Rock Art as a Frame to Multiple Scales Landscape
15:30-17:00 (as above)	德米特里·放克 Dmitriy • Funk	俄罗斯莫斯科国立语言大学 教授 Professor, Moscow State Linguistic University, Russia	对“师徒范式”的批判性反思 ——以索尔史诗传统为中心 Critical Reflections on the “Teacher-Student” Paradigm (based on the Shor Epic Tradition)
17:00-17:20	讨论 Discussion		
主旨报告，内蒙古大学文学与新闻传播学院， 地址：玉泉区艺术楼C3002会议室，主持人：米彦青 April 16, 2026, afternoon: Keynote Speech, Venue: Conference Room C3002, Art Building, School of Literature/ Journalism and Communication, IMU South Campus, Moderator: MI Yanqing			
TIME	SPEAKER	TITLE& AFFILIATION	TOPIC
14:00-15:00	陈霞 CHEN Xia	中国社会科学院哲学研究所 研究员、特聘教授 Distinguished Professor, Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China	道家宇宙观及其当代价值 Daoist Cosmic Thinking & Its Contemporary Implications
15:00-16:20 (including 40 minutes of translation)	亚当斯·博多莫 Adams • Bodomo	奥地利维也纳大学教授 加纳大学CIPSH教席项目 主席 Professor, University of Vienna, Austria CIPSH Chair, University of Ghana, Ghana	从非洲的神圣林域到生物圈保 护区：依托本土知识助力联合 国教科文组织人与生物圈计划 From Sacred Grooves to Biosphere Reserves in Africa: Indigenous Knowledge in Support of UNESCO's Man and Biosphere Programme
16:20-17:00	讨论 Discussion		

<p>主旨报告，内蒙古大学文学与新闻传播学院， 地址：玉泉区卓越楼0704，主持人：付建荣 April 16, 2026, afternoon: Keynote Speech, Venue: Conference Room 0704, Zhuoyue Building, IMU South Campus, Moderator: FU Jianrong</p>			
14:00-15:00	孙小淳 SUN Xiaochun	中国科学院大学教授 Professor, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, China	中国古代宇宙观中的时间性 Temporality in Ancient Chinese Cosmological Thinking
15:00-15:30	讨论 Discussion		
<p>主旨报告，内蒙古师范大学民族学人类学学院， 地址：赛罕校区田家炳书院楼615学术报告厅，主持人：纳日碧力戈 April 16, 2026, afternoon: Keynote Speech, Venue: Room 615, Tian Jia Bing Building, School of Ethnology and Anthropology, IMNU, Moderator: Naran Bilik</p>			
14:00-15:30	佐尔坦·索梅吉 Zoltán Somhegyi	匈牙利塞格德大学副教授 Associate Professor, University of Szeged, Hungary	本土经验、当代艺术与气候危机 Indigenous Experience, Contemporary Art and Climate Emergency
15:30-17:00	李维拉 Jesús de la Villa	西班牙马德里自治大学教授 Professor, the Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain	以复兴古典学推动西方世界教育振兴 Reviving the Classics as a way to Revitalize Education in the Western World
17:00-17:30	讨论 Discussion		
<p>现场工作会 April 17, 2026: Fieldwork</p>			
<p>晚餐 Dinner</p>			
19:00-21:00	CIPSH理事会会议，地址：内蒙古饭店4号会议室 Board Meeting of CIPSH, Venue: Conference Room 4, Inner Mongolia Hotel		
<p>离会 April 18, 2026: Departure</p>			