

Visiting Speaker Series 2016-17 Term 2

Engineering Ethics Learns from Chinese Thought: Ritual Performance in Engineering Practice

Philip J. CHMIELEWSKI

Professor and Sir Thomas More Chair of Engineering Ethics,
Seaver College of Science and Engineering, Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles)

18 Jan 2017 (Wednesday)

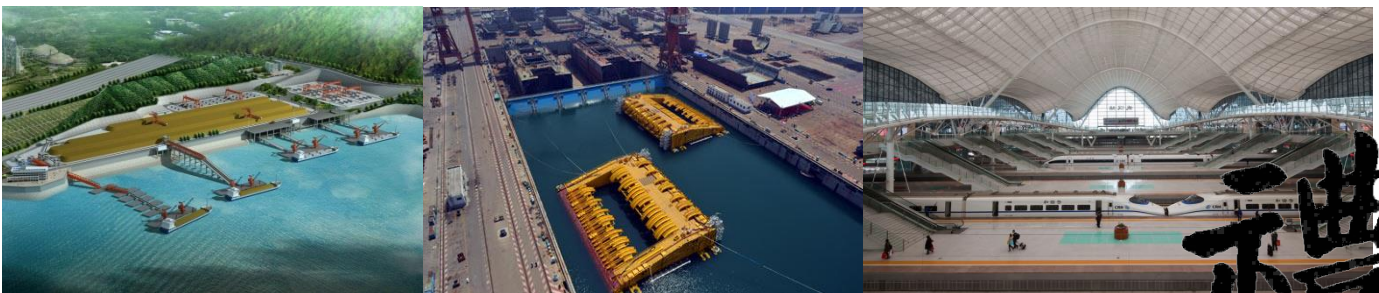
4:00 – 5:30pm

Room 1118, 11/F,

Yasumoto International Academic Park

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Philip J. Chmielewski, was granted the Ph.D. at Yale University. As the Sir Thomas More Chair of Engineering Ethics at the Seaver College of Science and Engineering of Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles), he offers instruction in the ethics of design and production, research ethics, and the ethical assessment of contemporary technologies. He currently focuses on developing elements of a framework for international engineering ethics. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and of the Association of Asian Studies (AAS). Further, he is an Affiliate Member of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE). He frequently lectures and pursues research in mainland China and Hong Kong.



ABOUT THE TALK

Engineering ethics serves as a guide to contemporary professional engineering practice.

Engineering practice occurs worldwide, across and within many cultures.

Engineering ethics must have a global coherence, lest practice be diverted from the safety, health, and welfare of the public.

Engineering ethics, thus, cannot derive solely from European traditions of reflection.

The heritage achieved in and offered by Chinese thought can assist in achieving the global capacity of engineering ethics.

A key instance of the rich contribution drawn from this heritage is the concept and activity of li 禮 as developed in the Xunzi.

Ritual performance corresponds to a range of activities in which engineering practice regularly engages.

Ritual performance advances the ethical understanding of engineering practice: in the practice's impact on the engineers themselves, in the range of its responsibilities, and in the societal goals of this professional activity.

Free Admission

The seminar is conducted in English

Enquiry: Centre for China Studies | ccs@cuhk.edu.hk | www.cuhk.edu.hk/ccs