



Metaverse in China: A Transnational Symposium

July 28-29, 2022

8:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m. (US Eastern) / 8:30 p.m.-12:10 a.m. (Beijing Time)

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Working language: English and Chinese

Day 1: Thursday July 28, 2022

8:00-8:30 Breakfast and Coffee

Opening remarks:

Joseph Alter, Director of Asian Studies, editor of *Journal of Asian Studies*

8:30-10:00 Keynote Speech and Response

Keynote

“Claude Shannon Killed the Metaverse: Immersion, Noise, and Hybrid Subjectivity.”

Yomi Braester, University of Washington

Response

“What Are We Not Talking About When We Talk About Metaverse?”

Mingwei Song, Wellesley College

10:00-10:10 Coffee Break

10:10-12:10 Metaverse and its Development

“The Becoming of the Nezha Monster: From Science and Metaphysics to Metaverse”

Kun Qian, University of Pittsburgh

“Revolutionary Cosmology and Visionary Technology: On Some (Faustian) Reversals of the (Chinese) Dialectic of Nature”

Pu Wang, Brandeis University

“From Metaverse 1.0 to Metaverse 2.0”

Zhao Jing, University of International Business and Economics, China

“The Metaverse with Chinese Characteristics: A Discussion of the Metaverse through the Lens of Confucianism and Daoism”

David Warner, University of Pittsburgh

Day 2: Friday, July 29, 2022

8:00-8:30 Breakfast and Coffee

8:30-10:00 Keynote Speech and Response

Keynote

“The Trauma and Demise of Human in the AI World”

Ban Wang, Stanford University

Response

“Is There Love in Metaverse?: A Look at Relationships in *Free Guy* through Affect Theory”

Huang Hua, Capital Normal University

10:00-10:10 Coffee break

10:10-12:10 Metaverse Development and Governance

“Metaverse and the Current State of Web 3.0 in China”

Luo Jinhai, CEO of Quantum School in China, Founder of Metaverse 2140

“Human Digitization in Metaverse”

Chen Cao, research scientist in Reality Labs Meta, Meta

“Blockchain vs. Metaverse: Policy Discourses on Blockchain and Metaverse”

Song Shi, University of Pittsburgh

“Metaverse in China: the New Discourse and the Old Dilemma”

Liu Chunyi, Peking University

Concluding remark:

Ariel Armony, Vice Provost for Global Affairs and Director of University

Center for International Studies