**What is Apophatic Thinking and Why is it Relevant Today?**

**Discussions around William Franke's *A Philosophy of the Unsayable***

**A colloquium sponsored by the Programme of Philosophy and Religious Studies**

**University of Macau, Conference venue: E4-G051**

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| **March 7th**  |  |
| **9:00** | University bus from Grandview Hotel to New Campus |

**Morning Session**

9:30- 10:00 William Franke, *Welcoming and Introductory Remarks*

10:00- 10:30 Stephen R. Palmquist, *Does It Make Sense to Talk About the Logic of the Unsayable?*

10:30- 11:00 Anthony C. Adler, *Language, Sense, and Openness: Some Reflections apropos of William Franke's A Philosophy of the Unsayable*

11:00- 11:30 Qingjie James Wang, *Nothingness, Unsayability and Human Finitude*

11:30- 12:00 Lucie Bernier, *Silence and Emptiness in the Work of François Cheng: Toward an Apophatic Interpretation*

12:00- 12:30 Sabine Lenore Müller, *Wird Euch langsam namenlos im Munde [are things becoming nameless in your mouth?]- R. M. Rilke and A philosophy of the Unsayable*

12:30- 2:00 Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

2:00- 2:30 Andrew Hass, *Hegel and the Negation of the Apophatic*

2:30- 3:00 Nahum Brown, *Totality and Apophasis: Expanding Rationality with Hegel*

3:00- 3:30 David Chai, *Hegelian Apophaticism and Daoist Meontology: Two Sides of the Same Coin?*

3:30- 4:00 Coffee break

4:00- 4:30 Karl-Heinz Pohl, *Remarks on William Franke’s Apophatic Paths from Europe to China*

(4:30-5:30 Coincides with the program for the Faculty of Arts and Humanities Open Day – Potentially visited by prospective students and their parents.)

4:30- 5:00 Round Table–Apophasis is pure negativity, so how is it possible to discuss apophasis at all? Discussion with public of the relevance of philosophy, especially of this type of speculative philosophy.

5:00- 5:30 Continue Round Table: Salient questions for further discussion?

7:00- 9:00 Dinner