

**The EACP Board announces the postponement of the 4th European Association for Chinese Philosophy Biennial Conference scheduled in Macerata on September 2021 to summer 2023.**



Dear EACP members,

we would like to inform you that the EACP Board has unanimously arrived at the – very difficult – decision to **postpone the 4th EACP Conference in Macerata (Italy)**, which was scheduled for September 2021, **to be held two years later, in summer 2023.**

The different timelines and strategies of withdrawal of pandemic prevention measures adopted by individual European countries and non-EU countries have made it very hazardous to plan our association's event as an in-person conference, an aspect we intensely cherish to foster academic relationships, research projects, and a friendly environment. When deciding to postpone the conference, we considered various alternative formats, but we opted for a physical conference as a way of renewing the bonds that bring together a scholarly community since our EACP conferences are more than mere occasions for the presentation of research findings.

The EACP Board also considered holding the conference in summer *next* year, but we decided to postpone it to 2023 for at least three major reasons: 1. It might be the case that the traveling restrictions (i. e. from Asia and America to Europe) and social distancing measures will still be in place during the next year. 2. The vaccination process is different in each country, and we do not want to exclude participation from non-European countries (among our keynote speakers, there is generally a scholar from Asia). 3. Right now, we are facing a “conference-jam” that we want to circumvent.

Thus, the conference in Macerata is obviously not canceled but postponed to 2023; we will announce the new dates likely some time in spring next year.

To discuss and decide matters concerning our Association – including the election of the new board –, we will hold a **general assembly online, which is scheduled to be in early September 2021.**

Meanwhile, to keep of association active and provide occasions for research exchange, we decided to put in place a new online format of conferences, roundtables, and book presentations. More details about this “EACP Online Event” will follow very soon.

We are looking forward to seeing you online in our new activities, at the **online general assembly in September 2021, and in-person in Macerata in summer 2023.**

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The EACP Board