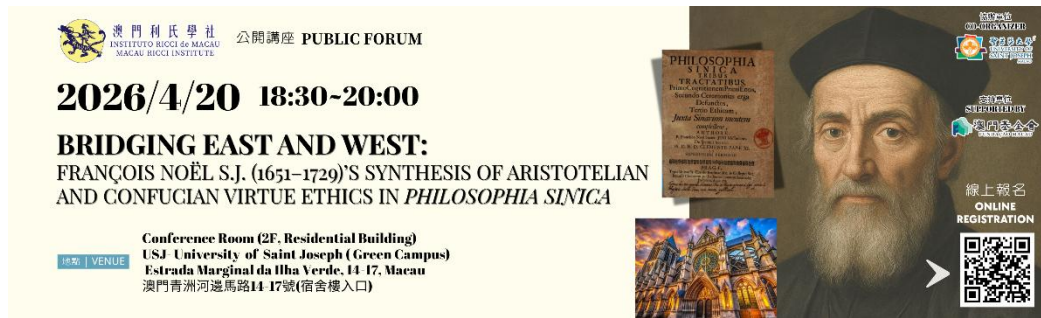


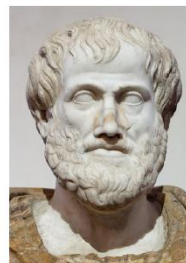


On Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., the Macau Ricci Institute invited Dr. Yves Vendé to deliver a public lecture. The topic focused on the work of the Jesuit François Noël S.J., specifically his 1711 book *Philosophia Sinica* (Chinese Philosophy), examining it as an early and highly self-conscious attempt to construct a cross-cultural virtue ethics between the Aristotelian philosophical system and Confucian thought. The event took place at the Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Dormitory Building, University of St. Joseph (Ilha Verde Campus), located at 14-17 Estrada Marginal da Ilha Verde, Macau (entrance via the dormitory building). The number of participants was 62.

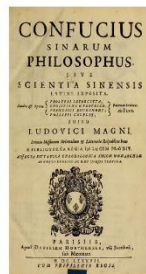


Dr. Yves Vendé suggests the Jesuit François Noël S.J. and his 1711 work *Philosophia Sinica* is not merely a translation or in any form of religious reform, but rather an examination of a highly philosophically self-conscious "Cross-Cultural Exchange" event. This can be summarized in three dimensions:

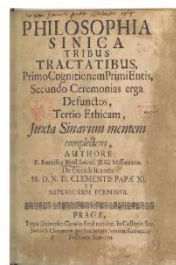
1. The Role Transformation of Cross-Cultural Exchange
2. The Construction of Cross-Cultural Exchange
3. A "Transformation-Oriented" Research Paradigm



III. Noel's construction of transcultural Ethics (卫方济的跨文化伦理学构建)

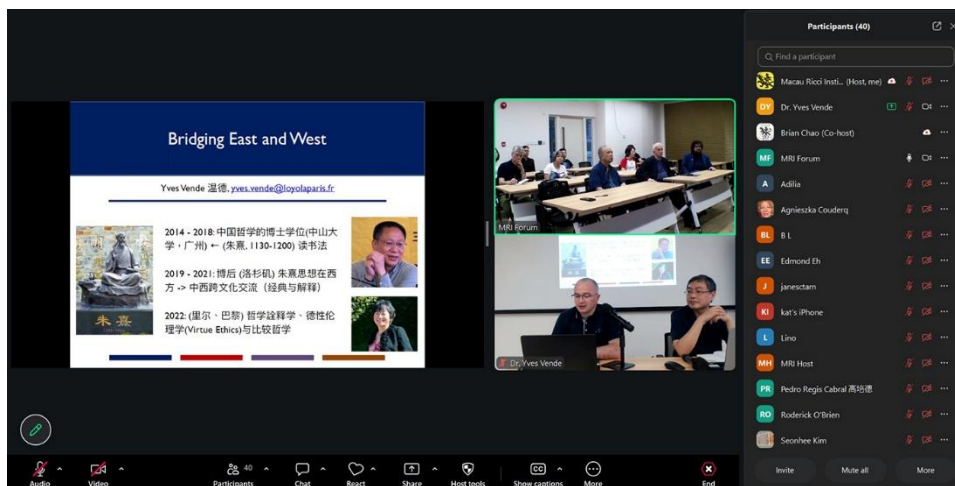


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François Noël's *Philosophia Sinica*, as a historical document of East and Western cultural exchange, demonstrates both the possibility of constructing a shared ethical discourse. This 18th-century Jesuit legacy continues to provide methodological insights for contemporary comparative philosophy and cross-cultural ethics: genuine dialogue does not seek to eliminate differences, but rather to discover transformative connections *within* those differences.



Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDAdh0CTYVo&feature=youtu.be>
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