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**PREFACE**

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As the current President of the International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy (ISCWP), I am delighted to introduce this special journal issue on the theme “Comparative Studies of Chinese Philosophy toward World Philosophy”. This timely collection of articles represents an important step forward in elevating the global profile and influence of the Chinese philosophical tradition.

In an increasingly interconnected world, there is a pressing need to cultivate deeper mutual understanding and cross-pollination between diverse philosophical lineages. Chinese philosophy, with its rich heritage spanning two millennia, offers a unique and invaluable lens through which to enrich and expand the horizons of world philosophy. Through comparative analysis and dialogue, we can uncover the universal human questions and insights that transcend cultural boundaries, while also appreciating the distinctive socio-historical contexts that have shaped the development of philosophical thought in China.

The articles featured in this issue tackle a wide range of topics, from the exploration of core Chinese philosophical concepts and their global relevance, to the examination of intellectual exchange and convergence between Chinese and Western/other philosophical traditions. By bridging the divide between the “East” and the “West”, these scholars demonstrate the integral role that Chinese philosophy can play in the ongoing construction of a truly global philosophical discourse.

As we navigate the complexities of the 21st century, the need to cultivate mutual understanding and shared wisdom has never been more urgent. I am confident that this special issue will serve as a valuable resource for scholars, students, and intellectually curious readers alike, inspiring further exploration and exchange between Chinese philosophy and the broader landscape of world philosophical thought.

Let us embark on this journey of discovery together and harness the transformative power of comparative philosophy to build a more inclusive, harmonious, and enlightened global community.

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