

Project Topic:

The *Daode jing* and Buddhism: A Conceptual Comparison

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Abstract:

Soon after its advent in China, Buddhism was considered by some Chinese to advocate similar teachings as what the *Daode jing* does. This idea had repeatedly echoed in the writings of some Chinese during the long history of Chinese Buddhism. Yet, there seems to have no attempt trying to systematically identify what exactly was that which made some Chinese believe so in the first place. This project aims to analyze the elements which might have been understood to be something shared by the *Daode jing* and Buddhist scriptures. To be precise, these few aspects will be dealt with: the thought that the human body is a source of suffering, the notion of abstaining from desires, and the concept of kindness.

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Progress:

Two papers are in review for publication.