

**Topic-Setting Program to Advance Cutting-Edge
Humanities and Social Sciences Research**
(Global Initiatives)

Progress Report
(Summary of Final Report)

[The Cosmos of Dogen: From Perspectives of Analytic Asian Philosophy]

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Research Period: FY 2016 – FY 2019

1. Basic information of research project

Research Area	Global Humanities: Exploring the Universality of Japanese Literature, Art, and Thought
Project Title	The Cosmos of Dogen: From Perspectives of Analytic Asian Philosophy
Institution	Kyoto University
Research representative (Name, Academic Unit & Position)	DEGUCHI Yasuo (Professor, Graduate School of Letters)
Project Period	FY 2016 – FY 2019
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2. Purpose of research

Japanese and Asian thoughts have come to be established themes of serious studies world-widely. Actually we can observe a thick accumulation of high quality studies on them in overseas academic. However, while have been often treated as exotic religious or mystical traditions of thoughts, or inquisitive cultural heritages, they have been rarely taken as promising options for contemporary philosophical debates. This is evident from the fact that foreign experts in Asian and Japanese thoughts typically belong to departments of religion or Asian studies rather than to those of philosophy in North America, for instance. The same can be said of thoughts of Dōgen and other thinkers in his philosophical gravitational field or “cosmos of Dōgen” as we call it, namely thinkers or scholars who had influenced him, and have been influenced by him such as Chinese Chen masters, Tiantai scholars, Huayan scholars and the Kyoto school philosophers.

But in recent years we are witnessing a tide truing phenomena: contemporary philosophers in proper sense have begun to pay their serious attentions to those Asian and Japanese thoughts and to engage fruitful philosophical dialogs with them. Take an example. It was only in 2012 when the first panel was organized for Asian thoughts at the American Philosophical Association or *APA*. But the number of similar *APA* panels had grown to 22 in 2016, just four years later.

One of the backgrounds of such a meteoric rise of Asian and Japanese thoughts in contemporary philosophical scene is a new trend of research called "Analytic Asian Philosophy", that aims to reconstruct Asian thoughts in the light of contemporary analytic philosophy and classical and non-classical logic, to revive them viable philosophical options to contemporary philosophical debates and finally to establish an alternative to philosophical Western-centrism.

This project adopts the Analytic Asian Philosophical approach, purporting to excavate philosophical insights from the cosmos of Dōgen, and to make them contribute to the forefront of contemporary philosophical discussions. By doing so, we aim to revive the traditional Japanese thought as an active and cutting-edge philosophy.

Analytic Asian Philosophy is a new trend that emerged mainly in English-speaking countries in the late 1990s. With the rise of philosophical communities in Asia, it has been recently expanding itself to many parts

of Asia, including Japan, China, Korea and Taiwan. Under such circumstances in the early 21st century, the leader of this research program has begun his corroborations with such leading figures in the field as Graham Priest, Jay Garfield and Mark Siderits, and played a significant role in expanding the scope of Analytic Asian Philosophy to East Asian Buddhist thoughts and the Kyoto school philosophy.

Against those backgrounds, this project will organize an international and multi-disciplinary research group that consists of, among others, those eminent figures of Analytic Asian Philosophy mentioned above, Buddhologists and young philosophers inside and outside Japan, and examine thoughts of Dōgen and main figures in his cosmos on such philosophically important themes as self, time, reality and causation in terms of analytic philosophy and logic, reconstruct them as contemporary philosophical doctrines, and finally increase the presence of Japanese humanities both in Asia and the world.

3. Outline of research (Including study member)

Dōgen, the founder of the Japanese Sōtō Zen Sect, is also one of the most prominent Japanese "philosophers". The main purpose of this program is to revive his thoughts as viable options for contemporary philosophical discussions through dialogues with analytical philosophy and classical and non-classical logic. This program also takes into account the Cosmos of Dōgen; that is, East Asian philosophical traditions that had influenced Dōgen's thoughts and those that have been influenced by them. Ultimately this program aims to develop new philosophical ideas from interpretations on Dōgen's and others thoughts.

To carry out such purposes, this program organized an international and multi-disciplinary research group that consists of main players in Analytic Asian Philosophy such as Mark Siderits, Graham Priest and Jay Garfield, prominent Buddhologists such as Robert Sharf and MORIYAMA Shinya, young philosophers who are interested in Dōgen and other Asian and Japanese philosophy such as FUJIKAWA Naoya, SAKON Takeshi, MITANI Naozumi and finally logicians who are experts of various sorts of non-classical logic such as ŌMOTI Hitoshi and ŌNISHI Takurō.

The program started to organize reading groups on Dōgen's key texts and others and those groups have been closely corroborated with each other throughout the research period. We also invited specialists of Dōgen's philosophy such as Prof. YORIZUMI Mitsuko to our research meetings. All of our workshops have been conducted in English and many non-member foreign scholars attended one or another workshop and discussed with us in English. Some of the biggest research events are international workshops on Dōgen and his cosmos; one was held in Kyoto in 2017 and the other in New York in 2018. Other than those activities, we had numerous Skype meeting within our research groups and with other scholars within and without Japan.

We have been also pursuing to publish our research results in English in various forms. The first of those publications is a co-authored book by main members of our team, DEGUCHI Yasuo, Jay Garfield, Graham Priest and Robert Sharf, titled as *What Can't Be Said: Paradox and Contradiction in East Asian Thoughts*, which will be published by Oxford University Press in the early 2020. We are also editing another book of collected papers by main members and others, titled *The Cosmos of Dōgen: Analytic Approaches to Dōgen and Other Related Philosophers*. We have contacted to several academic presses that showed their interests to publish it. We are also planning to proposer special issues on Dōgen and other philosophers to relevant

international journals.

This program brought about some effects that lie beyond our initial expectations. First, the research leader, DEGUCHI Yasuo, envisaged a new philosophical idea of Self, called Self-as-We, which was inspired by ideas of self by Dōgen and other figures in his cosmos such as NISHIDA Kitarō. He is now composing an English book, titled *Self and Contradiction*, that has already attracted some public attentions through his on-lined presentations in English and Japanese on the topics. Secondly, the international research network concerning Dōgen and his cosmos has been expanded so as to include philosophers in Mexico, Martinique, India, Thai and Myanmar.

	Name	Affiliation	Role
Research Representative	DEGUCHI Yasuo	Professor (Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University)	Unification of the program/ Analysis in terms of Analytic Asian Philosophy
Group Leader	ICHINOSE Masaki	Professor (Faculty of Global Studies, Musashino University)	Unification of the program/ Analysis in terms of thanatology
Group Leader	INAGA Shigemi	Professor (International Research Center for Japanese Studies)	Unification of the program/ Analysis in terms of aesthetics
Member	FUJIKAWA Naoya	Associate Professor (Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, The University of Tokyo)	Analysis in terms of Analytic Asian Philosophy
Member	MORIYAMA Shinya	Professor (Faculty of Arts, Shinshu University)	Analysis in terms of Buddhist studies
Member	HAYAKAWA Masahiro	Project Associate Professor (Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, The University of Tokyo)	Analysis in terms of thanatology and the philosophy of care
Member	SANO Katsuhiko	Associate Professor (Graduate School of Humanities and Human Science, Hokkaido University)	Analysis in terms of logic
Member	MITANI Naozumi	Associate Professor (Faculty of Arts, Shinshu University)	Analysis in terms of philosophy
Member	SAKON Takeshi	Associate Professor (Graduate School of Literature and Human Sciences, Okasa City University)	Analysis in terms of the philosophy of time
Member	ŌMORI Hitoshi	Junior-Professor (Institut für Philosophie I, Ruhr-Universität Bochum)	Analysis in terms of logic
Member	ŌNISHI Takurō	Program-Specific Associate Professor (Unit of Kyoto Initiatives for Humanities and	Analysis in terms of logic

4. Research results and outcomes produced

[Research Results]

One of the main results of our reconstructions of Dōgen's thoughts in terms of contemporary analytic philosophy and logic is about his theory on true self. Through our philosophical reconstructions on the main chapters of his masterpiece, *Shōbōgenzō*, we come to interpret his idea of self as holistic, enactive and non-dual. And the non-duality of self that cannot be captured, as he claims, by any dichotomous concepts such as being vs. nothing, subject vs. object can be logically represented by some true contradictions; being *and* nothing (or non-being) and subjective *and* objective (or non-subjective). Such dialethic interpretation is to be published in the chapter on Dōgen in the above mentioned book, *What Can't Be Said*.

Also we traced how such idea of holistic, enactive and non-dual self had been developed before and after Dōgen, examining, among others, Sunlun, Tiantai, and the Kyoto School philosophy. Such historical survey will be published in some chapters of *What Can't Be Said* and in the chapter two of another above mentioned book, *Self and Contradiction*.

Another remarkable result of this program is about its networking of studies of Analytic Asian Philosophy. As mentioned above, many scholars inside and outside Japan jointed to one or another research events and activities of this program, that were conducted in English. Some of those non-member participants include Stephan Jenkins (Humbolt State University), Xiaolin Wang (City University of Hong Kong), Kanit Sirichan (Chulalongkorn University), San Tun (Yangon University), Kunchapudi Srinivas (Pondicherry University), Rebecca Maldonado (Autonomous University of Mexico), and Mikaella Perina (University of Massachusetts Boston). In effect, our research network, that this study had aimed to establish, was expanded beyond the initial envisioned regions (North America, Taiwan, South Korea, and Singapore), so as to include continental Southeast Asia (Thailand and Myanmar), Hong Kong, Central America (Mexico Martinique), and India.

[Further Developments]

Along with the prospects of further developments of this program that was mentioned earlier, let us refer to one more. Given the unexpected expansion of our research network, we are now in a position to envisage an international study on self that encompasses not only the Dōgen's cosmos but also South East Asian thoughts, Latin American and Caribbean philosophies. We are also going to invite scholars of African philosophy to our expanded research project on self. In a word, we are now envisioning a world philosophical approach to the idea of self that can challenge the Western-centrism in philosophy and try to make contemporary philosophy a genuinely global intellectual activity. Now the leader is tying to edit another collected papers in English, entitled as *Self: Asia and Beyond*, and is calling upon philosophers from various cultural backgrounds in various parts of the world through the research network made in this program to contribute their chapters to the book. He is also now in negotiations to publish the Book Series on *Asian Humanities*, an English series of books on humanities and social sciences about Asia (or from an Asian point of view), including the above-mentioned essays and books, from the English-speaking world's academic publishers. The concept of this book series with the phrase "Asian humanities" is conceived and materialized through this program; so, it can be said that this is another development of this program.

[Performance]

Papers:

- 出口康夫, 『〈ポスト 3.11〉メディア言説再考』, edited by ミツヨ・ワダ=マルシアーノ, Chapter 5 「ポスト 3.11 と代受苦の思想」, pp.113-137, 法政大学出版局, 2019. (reviewed)
- FUJIKAWA Naoya. (2018). 'Exploring Routley's Nuclear Meinongianism and Beyond', *Australasian Journal of Logic*, 15:2, 41-63. (reviewed)
- 護山真也, 「有時管見——道元の時間論と B 系列の時間論——」, 『信州大学人文科学論集』 6: 19-31 (2019.3) (reviewed)
- MITANI Naozumi, The World in Which Everything is the Self: The Philosophy of the Original Image and Pan-Self-ism, in Jay Garfield (Ed.) *Wilfrid Sellars and Buddhist Philosophy: Freedom from Foundations*, Routledge, 2019. (reviewed)
- MORIYAMA Shinya, "Buddhist Philosophy in Two Japanese Cross-Philosophical Approaches," *Newsletter of the American Philosophical Association*, 18/2, Spring 2019, pp. 24-27. (requested)
- MITANI Naozumi, *Beyond Monism and Pluralism: On Dogen's Pan-Self-ist Turn of Metaphysics* (under review)

Talks:

- DEGUCHI Yasuo, "Self as Anyone: Dōgen viewed from analytic Asian philosophy," An International Workshop on the Cosmos of Dōgen, June, 2017.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, "Self as Anyone: Dōgen viewed from analytic Asian philosophy," An International Workshop on Self and Paradox in Dōgen and Tanabe, July, 2017.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, "Self as Anyone: Dōgen Viewed from Contemporary Philosophy", 台大哲学系連続講演, 台大哲学系, 国立台湾大学, November, 2017.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, "Dōgen and Nishida on Self: An Introduction to Analytic Asian Philosophy", AIS Guest Lecture Series, Department of Asian and International Studies, City University of Hong Kong, November, 2017.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, "Self as Anyone," A Workshop on Dōgen, March, 2018.
- MITANI Naozumi, "Trailblazing with Dōgen," A Workshop on Dōgen, March, 2018.
- FUJIKAWA Naoya, "Eloquence of silence," A Workshop on Dōgen, March, 2018.
- SAKON Takeshi and MORIYAMA Shinya, "Dōgen on time and self," A Workshop on Dōgen, March, 2018.
- Filippo Casati and FUJIKAWA Naoya. (2018). 'How to Quine Meinong', The 2nd Veritas Philosophy Conference, Yonsei University, April, 2018. (invited, international conference)
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self as Anyone: Dōgen & Environmental Philosophy, The 3rd Biennial International Conference of the Group 4 Universities in East Asia on Buddhist Studies, National Taiwan University. April, 2018. (international conference)
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Late Nishida Naturalized, The 2018 International Graduate Conference on Asian Philosophy, Seoul National University. May, 2018. (keynote speech, international)
- 出口康夫, 自己と生き方: 後期西田哲学からの視座, 2018 年第 3 回こころ研究会, こころの未来研究センター, 京都大学. May, 2018.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Green Nishida: Late Nishida's Self and Its Potentiality for Eco-philosophy, Seminario Internacional de Filosofía Japones, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. June, 2018. (international conference)
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Suffering Substitution: Earthquake and Buddhism, Seminario Internacional de Filosofía Japones, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. June, 2018. (international conference)
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self as We: Toward a Revival of East Asian Holistic Self, Conference for Contemporary Philosophy in East Asia 2018 (CCPEA 2018), invited talk, National Chengchi University, Taiwan. August, 2018. (invited, international conference)

- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self as We: Toward a Revival of East Asian Holistic View of Self, Invited Talks on Self, Invited Talks Series 1, Center for Philosophy in Practice, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan. August, 2018. (invited, international conference)
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self and Contradiction: Toward a Revival of East Asian Holistic View of Self, Department Seminar, Department of Philosophy, Tunghua University, Taiwan, September 2018.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self as Anyone, New York Workshop for the Cosmos of Dōgen, Department of Philosophy, City University of New York, Graduate Center. October 2018. (international conference)
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self as We: Toward a Revival of East Asian Holistic Self, New York Workshop for the Cosmos of Dōgen, Department of Philosophy, City University of New York, Graduate Center, October 2018.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Kant and Segner: A New Look on Kantian Mathematical Intuition, a special HOPR/GPRG event, Department of Philosophy, UCSD, October 2018.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Entrustment and Distribution of Somatic Agency: An Observation on Self, Kyoto & UCSD joint workshop on self, UCSD. October 2018. (international conference)
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self and Contradiction: a holistic self and its formalization, Logic, Language, and Ontology: A workshop in honor of the 70th birthday of Toshiharu Waragai, Keio Univ. November 2018. (international conference)
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self as We: Reactivating East Asian Holistic Self, 2018.11.10, The 11th Next Generation Global Workshop, Keynote Speech, Kyoto University. November 2018, (keynote, international conference)
- 出口康夫, 「われわれ」としての自己、「われわれ」としての生き方, 第三回京都こころ会議シンポジウム「こころと生き方: 自己とは何か」, 京都大学, November 2018.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self as We: Its Structure and Ontology, 2018.12.13, Kyoto University - UC San Diego Workshop on Self II, Kyoto University. December 2018. (international conference)
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self as We: From Entrustment of Somatic Agency to a Holistic Self, Kyoto Workshop on Self I, Kyoto University, December 2018.
- 出口康夫, 自己・身体・解離性障害「<われわれ>としての自己」の観点から, Fundamenta, 京大医学部精神医学科, December 2018.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self and Somatic Agency: Descartes, Dream, Paralysis & Brain-in-a-Vat, 心智哲学研究所秋季系列講座, 国立陽明大学, 台北, December 2018.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Entrustment and Distribution of Agency: Toward Philosophical Reactivation of East Asian True Self, International Conference on “Selfhood, Otherness and Cultivation: Phenomenology and Chinese Philosophy”, National Chengchi University, Taipei, March 2019. (invited, international conference)
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Embodied and Holistic Self a la East Asia: Chinese Madhyamaka & Chen and Dōgen, Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, Academia Sinica, Taipei, March 2019.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Distributive Agency, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei, March 2019.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self-as-We and Its Ethical Implications, 2nd Joint Workshop of NTU-Kyoto University on “Self and Subjectivity: from Multi-cultural and Interdisciplinary Perspectives”, National Taiwan University, Taipei, March 2019. (international conference)
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self-as-We & Its Ethical Implications, World Literature & Philosophies Lecture Series 7, Université libre de Bruxelles/Vrije Universiteit Brussel, May 2019.
- 出口康夫, <われわれ>としての自己: 東アジア的全体論的自己の哲学的再生, 第 193 回 Phileth セミナー, 北海道大学, May 2019.

- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Analytic Asian Philosophy, International Session, The Philosophical Association of Japan, the 78th Annual Conference, Organizer & Chair, Metropolitan University of Tokyo, May 2019.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Self-as-We and Consciousness of Somatic Agency: A Reactivation of East Asian Buddhist Thoughts, Philosophy Department, Chulalongkorn University, May 2019.
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, Entrustment of Agency and Self-as-We, 第六回日中哲学フォーラム (The 6th International Forum of Sino-Japanese Philosophy), 中山大学(広州), September 2019 (Keynote)
- DEGUCHI Yasuo, 233 Self-as-We and Its Implications, Invited Talk to Philosophy Department, School of Humanities and Social Development, Shandong University, Jinan China, September 2019. (invited)
- 護山真也, 「有時管見—道元における時間と自己」, A Workshop on Dogen, 京都大学, September 2018.
- FUJIKAWA Naoya. (2018). 'Speaking of Nothingness', Colloquium: Recent Issues in Philosophy of Language, The University of Tokyo, June 2018. (invited)
- FUJIKAWA Naoya, (2018). 'Paraempty Names and the Strengthened Paradox of Ineffability', Making Sense of: A Workshop with and about Adrian Moore, Kyoto University, July 2018. (invited, international conference)
- FUJIKAWA Naoya, Eloquence of Silence?: A Note on Dogen on Silence, A Workshop on Dogen, Kyoto University, September 2018.
- FUJIKAWA Naoya, Eloquence of Silence? : A Note on Dōgen on Silence, New York Workshop for the Cosmos of Dōgen, October 2018. (international conference)
- FUJIKAWA Naoya, (2018). 'Mereology Meets Paraconsistency', Logic, Language, and Ontology: A workshop in honor of the 70th birthday of Toshiharu Waragai, November 7-8, 2018, Keio University, November 2018. (invited, international conference)
- FUJIKAWA Naoya, (2018). 'Ineffability and Nonobjecthood', What's So Bad about Dialetheism?, Kyoto University, December 2018. (international conference)
- FUJIKAWA Naoya, 'Nishida's Logic of Place and Metaphysics of Grounding', 日本哲学会第78回大会、International Session, Tokyo Metropolitan University, May 2019.
- 佐金武 「「有時管見—道元における時間と自己」を読んで」, A Workshop on Dogen, Kyoto University, September 2018.
- MITANI Naozumi, On the Elusiveness of Dōgen's Ontology: BUSSHŌ, INMO, AND SHOHŌ-JISSŌ, A Workshop on Dogen, Kyoto University, September 2018.
- MITANI Naozumi, On the Elusiveness of Dōgen's Ontology, New York Workshop for the Cosmos of Dōgen, October 2018.
- MORIYAMA Shinya, Dōgen on Time and Self: Reflections on Uji, New York Workshop for the Cosmos of Dōgen, October 2018.

Others (Symposium sponsored by this project, etc.)

- A Workshop on Dogen, Kyoto University, March 2017. (participants: about 15 people)
- Dōgen and A Tale for the Time Being: An Interview with Ruth Ozeki, Kyoto University, May 2017. (Participants: about 30 people)
- An International Workshop on the Cosmos of Dōgen, Kyoto University, June 2017. (Participants: about 20 people)
- A Workshop on the Cosmos of Dōgen, Shinshu university, July 2017. (Participants: about 15 people)
- An International Workshop on Self and Paradox in Dōgen and Tanabe, Hokkaido University, July 2017. (Participants: about 15 people)
- Seminar by Julianne Chung, Kyoto University, August 2017. (Participants: about 15 people)

- 道元の「自己」についての学際ラウンドテーブルトーク, Kyoto University, September 2017. (Participants: about 5 people)
- A Workshop on Dōgen, Kyoto University, March 2018. (Participants: about 15 people)
- A Workshop Dogen, Kyoto University, September 2018. (Participants: about 10 people)
- New York Workshop for the Cosmos of Dōgen, City University of New York, October 2018. (Participants: about 20 people)
- 第 193 回 Phileth セミナー 「<われわれ>としての自己: 東アジア的全体論的事故の哲学的再生」, Hokkaido University, May 2019. (Participants: about 30 people)