

Between Data and Meaning: Integrating AI and Chinese Philosophy for Ecological Thought

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Abstract

This presentation introduces a research proposal concerning the intersection of ecology, Chinese philosophy, and AI-technology. It addresses the need for non-Eurocentric, relational, and normatively grounded ecological paradigms by combining LLM analysis of Chinese philosophical corpora with philosophically guided interpretation. Rather than treating AI as an interpretative authority, it develops a cooperative framework in which AI generates empirically grounded artefacts (e.g. relational profiles and context-sensitive patterns of concept use), while philosophical analysis reconstructs semantic reference frameworks and paradigmatic configurations on that basis. Methodologically, the project integrates AI-based concept analysis with the transcultural philosophical hermeneutic methods, allowing empirical findings and normative interpretation to inform and refine each other. The proposed approach aims to overcome entrenched dichotomies between freedom and relationality, ecology and autonomy, and quantitative analysis and philosophical meaning.

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