

12th EAST-WEST PHILOSOPHERS' CONFERENCE

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Dear East-West Philosophers' Conference Participants:

We hope that you, your family, and your friends have fared well through the COVID-19 pandemic and that this continues to be true. We have been monitoring the pandemic's course, especially the effects of the delta variant and, more recently, the omicron variant. While movement globally seemed to be going in the right direction, it is clear that with the new surges, international travel will continue to be difficult well into 2022. Also, vaccine access will not be universal for quite some time. Given these likelihoods and the many uncertainties surrounding the future course of the pandemic, we have again decided to postpone the East-West Philosophers Conference.

We did not take this decision lightly, especially knowing your efforts to prepare your papers. Like you, we had high expectations for the 12th East-West Philosophers' Conference and were looking forward to offering you the best welcome we could, which included providing you with a better understanding of the place that is Hawai'i. We wanted you to enjoy the academic event and be able to acquaint yourselves with the sights, sounds, and values of our host culture. While the Zoom platform allows for intellectual exchanges, there is no substitute for face-to-face encounters and actual experience on the ground.

We are thinking of May 2024 as the new date for our next East-West Philosophers' Conference. Also, we would like to start afresh with a new theme that is relevant to our changed world and the extraordinary experience we all went through.

Rest assured that we remain committed to continuing the East-West Philosophers' Conference series and are looking forward to welcoming you again to the islands.

Yours truly,



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