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LECTURE

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29th October 2025, at 4.30 p.m
Aula Baratto, Ca' Foscari
Dorsoduro 3246, Venice

The event will be held in English



PROGRAMME

Institutional Welcome

Tiziana Lippiello

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How to Follow the Fact of Human Beings and Herd the Masses —Han Fei Zi's View of Human Nature

Dr. **Tongdong Bai** is the Dongfang Chair Professor of Philosophy at Fudan University in China, and a member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. His research interests include Chinese philosophy and political philosophy. He has two books published in English: *China: The Political Philosophy of the Middle Kingdom* (Zed Books, 2012), and *Against Political Equality: The Confucian Case* (Princeton University Press, 2019). He is now working on the philosophy of Han Fei Zi (c. 280-233 BCE), a “Legalist” and a harsh critic of Confucians, as well as a real-life princeling who is often compared with Machiavelli and Hobbes. He is also the director of an English-based MA and visiting program in Chinese philosophy at Fudan University that is intended to promote the studies of Chinese philosophy in the world.