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LECTURE

# TONG Shijun

Chancellor, Shanghai New  
York University Professor  
of Philosophy, East China  
Normal University

10th October 2025, at 3.00 p.m  
Sala Marino Berengo, Ca' Foscari  
Dorsoduro 3246, Venice

The event will be held in English



## PROGRAMME

### **Institutional Welcome**

**Tiziana Lippiello**

Rector Ca' Foscari University of Venice

### **Lecture**

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***Habermas's Study of Confucianism and East-West Civilization Dialogue***

### **TONG, Shijun**

Professor of philosophy of East China Normal University (ECNU, since 1994) | Chancellor of Shanghai New York University (NYU Shanghai, since 2020)

Born in September 1958 in Shanghai, Tong obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees from ECNU in early 1982 and late 1984, respectively, and his doctorate from the University of Bergen in Norway in the summer of 1994. Since December 1984, Tong has been teaching at ECNU. He has conducted visiting research at the University of Marburg in Germany (1998) and Columbia University in the United States (2000-2001). He has also served as the Chairman of the Department of Philosophy at ECNU (1995-1998), Director of the Institute of Philosophy at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS, 2009-2011), Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of the SASS (2004-2011), and Secretary of the Party Committee of ECNU (2004-2009). Tong has published more than ten books, including *The Dialectics of Modernization: Habermas and the Chinese Discourse of Modernization* (2000), and has published over a hundred academic papers, such as "How to Do Things with the Fact of Reason" (2024) as well as several translations, including *Faktizität und Geltung: Beiträge zur Diskurstheorie des Rechts und des demokratischen Rechtsstaats* (2003, 2014). Tong also serves as a member of the Social Science Committee of the Ministry of Education (since 2004), Editor-in-Chief of *Philosophical Analysis* (a bimonthly journal) (since 2010), and a Foreign Member of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (Det Norske Videnskaps-Akademi, since 2011).

To learn more about his publications, please visit his ECNU Department of Philosophy page.