Professor Kun Wu

Wu Kun, male, born in 1953 in Hebei, Laiyuan, in People's Republic of China. He is Professor of Philosophy at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Xi'an Jiaotong University, and Director of the International Center for Philosophy of Information at the Xi'an Jiaotong University.

Wu Kun is mainly engaged in teaching and researching philosophy of information and nature, the theory of complexity, etc. Wu Kun is among a small number of early scholars who engaged in the study of the philosophy of information. As early as in 1980, he began to build up that new field of study and is today the most systematic and theoretical scholar with the most extensive and deep studies in the philosophy of information. He published 18 monographs, 2 translations, 4 textbooks and more than 330 academic papers.

Wu's main academic contribution is to take the concept of information as the basic category of philosophy. Wu established information ontology, information epistemology, social information theory, information theory of evolution, information value theory, and information theory of thinking. He could elucidate several philosophical problems of modern science, in particular, in natural philosophy, value philosophy, economy of knowledge and information, information science, entropy theory, and complexity theory. In addition, he also used the philosophy of information approach and complexity theory to shed light on philosophy in ancient times (including Greece, China and India). His theory has attracted wide attention from academics and Wu is praised as "pioneer of the philosophy of information".

"The summary of the philosophy of information" (The Journal of humanities, 1985, 1) as well as the "Introduction to the Philosophy of Information" (Shanxi People's Publishing House, 1987) are seen as those publications that contributed to the foundation of the philosophy of information. His most influential book is "Philosophy of Information - Theory, System and Method" (Commercial Press, 2005).

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