

The University of Hong Kong
Department of Psychology

Departmental Seminar

On Human Nature: Carl Rogers vs. Gao Juefu

Date: December 11, 2012 (Tuesday)

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Venue: Rm 1102, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU

Speaker: Professor Cyrus Lee

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Carl Rogers and Gao Juefu were both widely known and respected psychologists in their own countries (America and China) who made a deep impact on the popular understanding of psychology. Rogers with his “client centered” therapy sought to engage the individual to become a “fully functioning” person. By contrast, Gao, an educator rather than therapist, helped promote the spread of western psychological ideas into China through his many translations of classic psychological works, including amongst others, those of Piaget, Kohler, Lewin and Freud. The speaker, highly familiar with the works of both of these pioneers, will assess their relative contributions to our understanding of human nature.