

Changing the World with Ideas? The Challenges of a Political Philosopher-Turned-Politician

Abstract

What is the vision of philosophical inquiry? What is the purpose of political action? What would be the result if a philosopher happens to become the political leader of a country? From Plato to Max Weber, numerous great intellectuals have tried to explore the issue with various answers. Yet the question seems more complicated and challenging for those who live in a democratic society. In this lecture, Professor Jiang Yi-Huah will share his experience as a political philosopher and senior government official for years in Taiwan. He will elaborate on the possibility and limitation of changing the world with ideas.