**gift/礼物(Lǐ Wù)**

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YANG Huilin: Prof. Michel Espagne gives a very clear overview of the idea of 'gift' from European perspective. What struck me most was the relationship between gift and counter-gift, gift as a form and function of exchange, and how the gift system structured Western society. I believe that such “dialogic ideas” should go further to have a better, deeper and mutual understanding.

Michel Espagne: The contribution of Prof. Yang and my paper are meeting on many points, like the original meaning of gift as « ritual of sacrifice » or the paradoxical duplicity of different concepts (host and guest, give and receive or even being ). The exploration of the origins of sacrifice leads to an exploration of human nature. From shamanic roots and the idea of an exchange between nature and mankind to contemporary philosophy or anthropology the key notion « gift » may be an invitation to analyse society on the basis of the many dimensions of exchange. In our attempts to define gift both of us underline the role of the donor.