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How might an outsider begin to understand and situate China's unique contribution to , the best that has been thought and said in the world'? This story of a journey to the centre of Chinese civilisation – undertaken at a moment when Chinese economic and political power threatens to weaponise the country's humanistic heritage for nationalistic purposes – offers an antidote to conceptions of China as an irreducible and hostile other, but it does so precisely by refusing to spare China or any other country the humane critique it deserves. The book's *leitmotif* - the ,Spiritual Humanism' of Confucian philosopher Tu Weiming - is a cosmopolitan, antitotalitarian ethos which promises a fair and full globalisation for all. The three volumes in this trilogy encompass a spiritual humanist anthology of World Literature, a sketch of Tu's intellectual biography, and a *plädoyer* for a spiritual humanist economics.

#### ***Spiritual Humanism as a World Ethos? A Global Anthology of Learning for the Self***

The first volume offers a collection of voices from 20th- and 21st-century World Literature which echo and strengthen Tu's call for a ,spiritual humanist turn' in the global humanities. Alongside Tu and his New Confucian forebears (most notably Tang Junyi and Mou Zongsan), works from the following authors are discussed: Natalia Ginzburg, Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Elias Khoury, Zinaida Gippius, Mario Vargas Llosa, David Mitchell, Yang Jiang, Viktor Frankl, Adonis, Yevgeny Zamyatin, Milena Jesenská, Bernard Henri-Lévy, Helen DeWitt, Taha Abdurrahman, David Brooks, V.S. Naipaul, Vergílio Ferreira, Muhammad Iqbal, Octavio Paz, Kazuo Ishiguro, Marilynne Robinson and Milan Kundera.

#### ***The Dialogical East Asian: Tu Weiming's Quest for Shared Meaning***

The second volume doubles back to the figure of Tu Weiming and explores his pioneering trajectory as spokesperson for Confucianism on the global stage. Tu's conception of ,dialogue among civilisations' is introduced and critically discussed via excerpts from both existing English and previously untranslated Chinese sources.

#### ***Not By Science of Any Kind: The Economics of Spiritual Humanism***

Inspired by Tu's own example, the author returns to his Anglo-New Zealand roots in the third volume, which begins with an examination of John Ruskin's *Unto This Last*. Ruskin's ,spiritual humanist' economic principles echo through the work of 20th-century and 21st-century New Zealand authors from Alan Mulgan to Keri Hulme, Rachel McAlpine, Ian Wedde, Lauris Edmond, Brian Turner, Elizabeth Smither, Allen Curnow, C.K. Stead, Fleur Adcock, Michael Harlow, Louis Johnson, Murray Edmond and Tony Beyer. The global implications of such a ,spiritual humanist' turn in economics are then briefly discussed via reference to Max Weber, George Orwell, Martha Nussbaum and others.