

## Ethics Center Lecture

# *Free Will and God In Asia and the West*



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Free will and determinism are special concerns of the monotheistic West, where divine omnipotence seems to create determinism that constrains free will, and where divine perfection must be reconciled with worldly evils and an eternal hell. Asian cultures that don't emphasize a perfect creator appear less troubled by determinism. The significance of indeterministic free will therefore isn't universal, but is specific to a particular theological framework.

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FYI: a pre-lecture reception will be held as 3:30pm in the Philosophy Department (Music 102).



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