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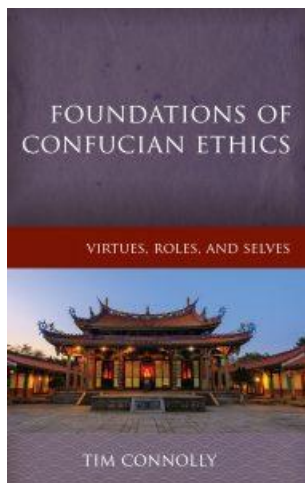
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**"Are Virtues or Roles Fundamental?  
A Confucian Perspective"**

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Everyday life provides many occasions where we need to contour general virtues (e.g., compassion, loyalty, and friendliness) to particular roles (e.g., teacher, parent or child, or medical professional). Confucian ethics emphasizes both virtues and roles in the flourishing life. Based on insights from Confucius and Mencius, I develop an account of virtue ethics in which both virtues and roles are viewed as fundamental.

*Foundations of Confucian Ethics* (forthcoming Rowman and Littlefield, December 2017)

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