

A Theoretical Comparison Between Realism and Tianxia Philosophy

Criteria	Realism	Tianxia
1. Unit of analysis	The state	People
2. Foreign policy	Relations between states	Interpersonal relations
3. Pursuit	Power	Harmony
4. Principle	Equality	Hierarchy
5. Justification	International Law	Datong (Confucianism)
6. Orientation	Scientific/ empirical/ Enlightenment Philosophy	Ancient Idealism
7. Influence	Global	East Asia
8. Assumptions of Human nature	Essentially conflicted selfish pursuit	Individual cultivation leading to selfless pursuit