

Some Chinese Dialectical Terminology

English	Pinyin	Hanzi	Comments
contradiction	máodùn	矛盾	derives from “spear-shield”
oppose, opposite	duìlì	对立	derives from “stand toward”
antagonistic	duìkàng	对抗	confrontational, resisting, derives from “against fight”
non-antagonistic	fēiduìkàng	非对抗	non-confrontational
antagonism	duìkàngxìng	对抗性	of a confrontational nature
antagonistic contradiction	duìkàngxìng máodùn	对抗性矛盾	contradiction with confrontational form
resolution	jiějué	解决	“untie” or “finish off”
synthesis	zōnghé	综合	“put together” or “sum up”
identity	tóngyī	同一	derives from “same one”
unity	tǒngyī	统一	derives from “together one”
identity of thought and being	síwéi hé cúnzài de tóngyī xìng	思维和存在的同一性	note <i>dialectical</i> identity
unity of opposites	duìlì de tǒngyī	对立的统一	
law of the unity of opposites	duìlì tǒngyī guīlǜ	对立统一规律	
dialectical materialism	biànzhèng weiwùzhǔyì	辩证唯物主义	
materialistic dialectics	weiwù biànzhèngfǎ	唯物辩证法	
one divides into two	yī fēn wéi èr	一分为二	
two combine into one	hé èr ér yī	合二而一	