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Invited Keynote Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Rudolf Wagner (Heidelberg)
Prof. Dr. Johannes Fried (Frankfurt a.M.)

Key Topics:

Power Politics and Divination
Between East Asia and Europe: Comparative Perspectives
Round Table: "Prognostication and Mantic Practices"
Round Table: "Fate and Freedom"

Conference Locations

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Thursday, July 1, 2010

Location A

- 11:30 a.m. Arrival and Lunch Buffet
12:30 p.m. Welcome Address by the Directors
- Opening Keynote Speech**
1:00 p.m. Prof. Dr. Rudolf Wagner (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität, Heidelberg): "The Gift Economy of Fate: The Chinese Way of Coping with Asymmetry"
- Power Politics and Divination**
2:00 p.m. Prof. em. Dr. Jürgen Gebhardt (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität, Erlangen-Nürnberg) with a response by Prof. Dr. Li Qiang (Peking University, Beijing)
Discussion
- 3:30 p.m. Coffee Break
- Round Table: "Fate and Freedom"**
4:00 p.m. Introduction: Prof. Dr. Georges Tamer (Ohio State University, Columbus): "Fate and Freedom: Contemplating Opposites?"
- 4:30 p.m. Round Table:
Dr. Sophia Katz (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): "Faith, Trust, Doubts, and Freedom in Ruist Thought"
Dr. Albert Galvany (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris): "Challenging Fate: Body, Divination and Freedom in the Zhuangzi"
PD Dr. Hannes Möhring (Universität Bayreuth): "Die renovatio imperii Ottonis III. und die Endzeiterwartungen um 1000"
Prof. Dr. Loris Sturlese (Università del Salento, Lecce): "Schicksal, Astrologie und Philosophie im lateinischen Mittelalter"
Discussion
- 6:00 p.m. Coffee Break
- 6:30 p.m. Prof. Dr. Ángel Gómez Moreno (Universidad Complutense, Madrid): "Predictions, Divination and Biblical Exegesis: A Key for the Spanish Auto de los Reyes Magos (ca. 1200)"

Friday, July 2, 2010

Location A

- Round Table:
"Prognostication and Mantic Practices"**
9:00 a.m. Introduction: Prof. Dr. Donald Harper (University of Chicago): "Occult Texts and Everyday Knowledge in Ancient and Medieval China"

- 9:30 a.m. Round Table:
Dr. László Sándor Chardonens (Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen): "Tracing the Development of Alphabetical Dream Divination in the Medieval West"
Dr. Dimitri Drettas (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris): "Divination, Magic and Health Practices in Chinese Domestic Encyclopedias"
Discussion
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m. Round Table (Continued):
Prof. Dr. Zhou Qi (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing): "A Theoretical Investigation into Contradictory Aspects of Buddhist 'Prognostication' II."
Prof. Dr. Liao Hsien-huei (National Chi Nan University, Pulli, Taiwan): "Knowledge and Recognition: Diviners, Literati and Their Interactions in the Song Period"
Discussion
- 11:30 p.m. Coffee Break
- 11:45 p.m. Prof. Dr. Richard Smith (Rice University, Houston): "The Psychology of Chinese Divination in Comparative Perspective"
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch Break

Location B

- Between East Asia and Europe:
Comparative Perspectives**
2:30 p.m. Prof. Dr. Harald Kleinschmidt (Tsukuba University, Tsukuba): "Europäische und japanische Friedenstheorien der Frühneuzeit im Vergleich"
Discussion
- 3:30 p.m. Prof. Dr. Lisa Raphals (University of California, Riverside): "Fate, Divination and Risk in China and Greece: Evidence from Dodona and Shuihudi"
Discussion
- 4:30 p.m. Coffee Break
- Closing Keynote Speech**
5:00 p.m. Prof. Dr. Johannes Fried (Johann Wolfgang-Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt a.M.): "Der Einfall der Mongolen (1238-42): Apokalyptik und Aufklärung"
- 6:00 p.m. Closing Speech by the President of the University, Prof. Dr. Karl-Dieter Gröske (Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg);
Reception

