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### Illustrations

Left: Shen Maoxue's father appears to his son in a dream to show him a sentence of parallel prose that enables him to become first laureate in 1577. Illustration (fasc. 3, 38a) in *Ming zhuangyuan tukaog* 明狀元圖考 (Illustrated survey of the first laureates of the Ming), by Gu Dingchen 顧鼎臣 and Gu Zuxun 顧祖訓 (Hanyang Yeshi ping'anguan cangben 漢陽葉氏平安館藏本, 1609), <https://www.shuge.org/ebook/ming-zhuang-yuan-tu-kao/?print-pdf>.

Right: Seven "techniques of the microcosm" (prophecy, geomancy, the art of memory, natal astrology, physiognomy, chiromancy, and the science of pyramids). Frontispiece of *De technica microcosmi historia*, vol. 2, pt. 1-b, of *Utriusque cosmi maioris scilicet et minoris metaphysica, physica atque technica historia*, by Robert Fludd (Oppenheim: Johann Theodor de Bry, 1617–21), <https://digital.slib.dresden.de/werkansicht/dlf/4570/283/0/>.

- 20 April 2021 “Sudden, Unexpected, and Contrary to All Calculation”:  
Coping with Plague in Antiquity  
**Karl-Heinz Leven** (*History and Ethics of Medicine; Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg*)
- 4 May 2021 Fatal Futures: Prophecy and Its Narrative Function in  
Middle High German Literature around 1200  
**Lea Braun** (*Medieval German Literature; Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin*)
- 18 May 2021 The Layman and the Spirit-Writing Altar: Peng Shaosheng  
(1740–96) and the Historiography of Divine Communication  
**Daniel Burton-Rose** (*Chinese History; IKGF Visiting Fellow*)
- 1 June 2021 Tales of Success and Failure: Predictive Dreams of  
Imperial Examinations in Qing *xiaoshuo* Literature  
**Aude Lucas-Lesain** (*Chinese Literature; Centre de recherche sur les  
civilisations de l'Asie orientale, Paris; IKGF Visiting Fellow*)
- 15 June 2021 Escaping the Epistemic Trap: *Problemata* Literature and  
Astrological Prognostication  
**Henrique Leitão** (*History of Science; Centro Interuniversitário de  
História das Ciências e da Tecnologia, Lisbon*)
- 29 June 2021 On the Reception and Rejection of Geomantic Divination  
in Early Modern French and Spanish Literature  
**Hannah Schlimpen** (*Romance Philology; Universität Trier*)
- 13 July 2021 Philologisch-hermeneutische Bemerkungen zur  
Textkonstitution des *Zhouyi* [Lecture in German]  
**Na Schädlich** (*History of Hermeneutics; Universität Osnabrück;  
IKGF Visiting Fellow*)

**Tuesdays, 6:15 pm–7:45 pm CEST**

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