

Conference Venue:

IKGF Seminar Room, Building D1
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This workshop explores the role of divination within Chinese religious history. Divination is a complex term, which denotes various practices and techniques that aim to reveal the hidden significance of events or knowledge related to the future. Associated practices and techniques include both technical calculations as well as more intuitive, inspired forms of divination. The role of divination in Chinese religious history varied accordingly, ranging from the use of astrology for ritual means to the revelation of Buddhist prophecies. The aim of this workshop is to explore the various functions of divination both within the established religious communities as well as in local cults and popular religious movements. In addition, the workshop will also consider the more critical views that are attested in official religious discourse. While divinatory practices are just as ubiquitous within the religious field as they are in Chinese society more generally, divination retained a streak of the unorthodox and a critique of associated practices could be used for the sake of self-legitimation and identity construction.

If you would like to attend,
please **register** by **December 2, 2019** on our website
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**Divination in
Chinese Religions**



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10 December 2019

9:00 – 9:20 am	Welcome Address
Overviews	
9:20 – 10:10 am	State, Religion, and Divination in Premodern China Edward Shaughnessy (<i>Chicago University</i>)
10:10 – 10:40 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:40 – 11:30 am	State, Religion, and Divination in Modern China Stéphanie Homola (<i>FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg</i>)
11:30 am – 12:20 pm	Women and Chinese Divination Elena Valussi (<i>Loyola University Chicago</i>)
12:20 – 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
Yijing	
1:30 – 2:10 pm	The <i>Yijing</i> in Daoist Ritual Traditions Barbara Hendrichske (<i>University of Sydney</i>)
2:10 – 2:50 pm	The <i>Yijing</i> in Daoist Self-Cultivation Traditions Fabrizio Pregadio (<i>IKGF Erlangen</i>)
2:50 – 3:20 pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>
3:20 – 4:00 pm	The <i>Yijing</i> in Chinese Buddhism Beverly Foulks McGuire (<i>University of North Carolina Wilmington</i>)
Techniques	
4:00 – 4:40 pm	Chinese Taoist Temple Divination Adeline Herrou (<i>LESC, Paris</i>)
Movie	
4:40 – 6:00 pm	“Master Feng, Taoist Monk in China Today” directed by A. Herrou

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Spirit-Inspired Divination	
9:00 – 9:40 am	Spirit-Mediums and Divination in China Brigitte Bapandier (<i>LESC, Paris</i>)
9:40 – 10:20 am	Spirit-Writing and Postmortem Destiny Vincent Goossaert (<i>EPHE, PSL</i>)
10:20 – 10:50 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:50 – 11:30 am	Chinese Spirit-Writing Cults Philip Clart (<i>Leipzig University</i>)
11:30 am – 12:10 pm	Spirit-Writing in 20th-Century Redemptive Societies Matthias Schumann (<i>IKGF Erlangen</i>)
12:10 – 1:20 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
Prophecy	
1:20 – 2:00 pm	Temporality, Cognition, and the Predictive Mode in Weft Confucian Discourse Grégoire Espeset (<i>EPHE, Paris</i>)
2:00 – 2:40 pm	Prophecy in Daoism Dominic Steavu (<i>University of California Santa Barbara</i>)
2:40 – 3:10 pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>
3:10 – 3:50 pm	Prophecy in Chinese Buddhism Mario Poceski (<i>University of Florida/IKGF</i>)
Techniques	
3:50 – 4:30 pm	Astrology and the Astral Pantheon in Medieval China Jeffrey Kotyk (<i>McMaster University</i>)
Critical Views and Concluding Discussion	
Religion, Divination, and the Elites Michael Lackner (<i>IKGF Erlangen</i>)	
4:30 – 5:20 pm	Daoism and Divination Fabrizio Pregadio (<i>IKGF Erlangen</i>)
Chinese Buddhism and Divination Esther-Maria Guggenmos (<i>IKGF Erlangen</i>)	