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**Tuesdays, 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm**

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- 13.10. Did the Most Common Practice in Chinese Popular Religion Originate in China?  
– Tracing the (Buddhist?) Temple Oracle Across Asia  
*Esther-Maria Guggenmos (Professor of Chinese Studies, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)*
- 20.10. Karma Tuning – Tibetan Buddhist Strategies for Coping with the Future  
*Rolf Scheuermann (Tibetan Studies, IKGF Research Coordinator, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)*
- 03.11. Popular Belief in Contemporary China  
– Findings from an Academic Chinese-Language Discourse  
*Monika Gänßbauer (Chinese Studies, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg; IKGF Visiting Fellow)*
- 10.11. From Cybernetics to Big Data – Science-Fictional and  
Socio-Philosophical Imaginations of a Predictable Future in Japan  
*Fabian Schäfer (Professor of Japanese Studies, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg; IKGF Visiting Fellow)*
- 17.11. Chance and Fortune in Old Tibetan Dice Divination and the Hunt  
*Brandon Dotson (Tibetan Studies, Research Group “Kingship and Religion in Tibet”,  
Ludwig-Maximilians-University München; IKGF Visiting Fellow)*
- 24.11. Between Fate, *Providentia Dei*, and the Free Will – Investigations in Medieval  
Canon Law on the Basis of Selected Examples: The *Collectio Hibernensis* (8th c.)  
*Andreas Holndorner (Medieval History, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg; IKGF Visiting Fellow)*
- 08.12. Extant Greco-Latin Horoscopes – Their Contexts and Uses  
*Stephan Heilen (Professor of Classical Philology, Osnabrück University; IKGF Visiting Fellow)*
- 15.12. “Momentarily I Am Studying Medieval Theories of Providence.”  
– Leo Strauss on Fate, Freedom, and Prognosis  
*Thomas Meyer (Philosophy, Theory of Science, and the Study of Religions,  
Ludwig-Maximilians-University München; IKGF Visiting Fellow)*
- 12.01. Sociology as Divination  
– Predicting Patterns of Human Association in Late Qing China  
*Joachim Kurtz (Professor of Intellectual History,  
Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context”, Heidelberg University)*
- 19.01. Rationale Zukunftsgestaltung in der römischen Antike [Lecture in German]  
*Ulrike Ehmig (Archaeology and Ancient History, SFB 933 “Material Text Cultures”, Heidelberg University)*
- 26.01. A Handbook of Prognostication in the Middle Ages – Concepts and Approaches  
*Klaus Herbers (Professor of Medieval History and Auxiliary Historical Sciences,  
IKGF Deputy Director, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)*
- 02.02. Scholar Meets Expert – The Traditional Chinese Elite’s Assessment of Mantic Practices  
*Michael Lackner (Professor of Chinese Studies, IKGF Director, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)*