

Conference Venue:

IKGF Seminar Room, Building D1
(Hartmannstraße 14, 91052 Erlangen)

This workshop engages with processes of gaining and performing expertise in pre-1911 China. The participants look at the social, economic, and political conditions for expert knowledge and performance to better understand who could become a legitimate specialist in fields such as medicine (*yi* 醫), divination (*bu* 卜), or artisanship (*yi* 藝). In this context, emphasis will be put on the role of education, performance, as well as social and political status. The contributions further explore the differences between knowledge and texts (or other media of representation) in performing and transmitting expertise. Of particular interest will be the varied traditions of judgment and procedures of decision-making (within and outside state governance) in which expertise had its “Sitz im Leben.”

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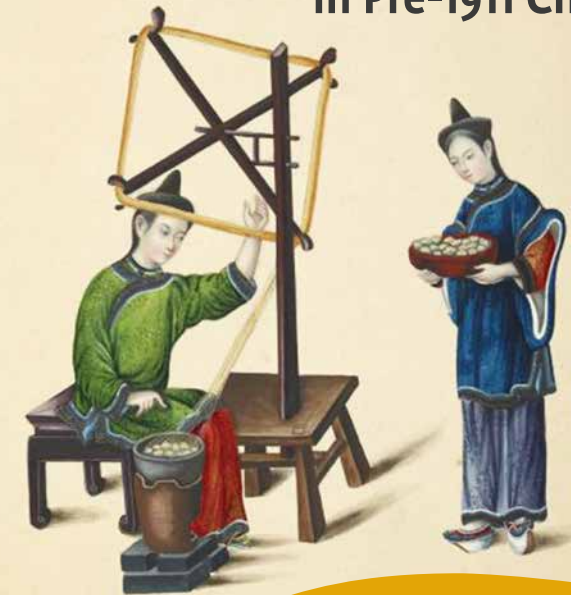
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WORKSHOP

Unlocking Skills: Gaining and Performing Expertise in Pre-1911 China



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Convenors:

Dagmar Schäfer (MPI Berlin)

Michael Lackner (IKGF Erlangen)

in co-operation with Hong Kong Baptist University

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

2:00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction
Dagmar Schäfer & Michael Lackner

Divination

2:15 p.m. Oracle Bone Procedures of Decision-Making:
Diviner's Inquiries as a Process
Adam Schwartz (Hong Kong Baptist University)

3:00 p.m. Self-made Diviners? Text Learning and its
Limitations in the Case of the *Stalk Divination*
(*Shifa* 筮法)
Zhao Lu (MPI Berlin)

3:45 p.m. *Coffee Break*

Artisanship

4:15 p.m. “錫金”與“擇吉金”—銅料選擇和銅器鑄造的社
會意義 (Awarding and selecting good metal,
with comments on the social function of
casting bronze vessels)
Xu Fengyi (Hong Kong Baptist University)

5:00 p.m. Making Artisans Accountable: Silk and State
in Tang China
BuYun Chen (MPI Berlin)

5:45 p.m. *End*

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Technology and Administration

9:30 a.m. Silver Mining in the Far Southwest of Ming
and Qing China: Technologies and Specialists
in a Grey Zone
Nanny Kim (Heidelberg University)

10:15 a.m. Hydraulic Planning and Hydraulic Expertise
in Late Imperial China: The Case of the Yellow
River in Shandong
Iwo Amelung (Frankfurt University)

11:00 a.m. *Coffee Break*

Martial Arts, Health, and Religion

11:30 a.m. Medical Practice during Twelfth-century
Song Dynasty – Canons and Experience
Asaf Goldschmidt (Tel Aviv University)

12:15 p.m. Religious Expertise? Learning and Legitimacy
in Republican Spirit-Writing
Matthias Schumann (IKGF Erlangen)

1:00 p.m. *Lunch Break*

2:15 p.m. Constructing and Transmitting Knowledge in
Chinese Internal Alchemy (Neidan)
Fabrizio Pregadio (IKGF Erlangen)

3:00 p.m. Is the Pen Mightier than the Sword? Inventing
the Image of the Scholar Warrior in the 18th
Century
Israel Kanner (Tel Aviv University)

3:45 p.m. *Coffee Break*

Architecture

4:15 p.m. An Approach to the Expertise of Construction
in Ming Times: The Figure of Miaofeng, Monk
and Architect
Caroline Bodolec (EHESS Paris)

5:00 p.m. Concluding Discussion

5:30 p.m. *End*