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## WORKSHOP

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# Imagining Liberation: The Problem of Fate and Action in the Zhuangzi



**Tuesday, Nov. 23rd 2010, 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

IKGF, 2nd floor lecture room

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## **Imagining Liberation:** The Problem of Fate and Action in the Zhuangzi

The notion of *ming* (“command”, “allotment”, “life span”, “fate”) appears in the work of virtually all of the pre-imperial philosophers and plays an important role in all of these discourses. A large body of scholarship has emerged in recent years which examines this notion in the context of written sources associated with the Confucian doctrines. Yet, for all its undeniably significant presence, Western scholars have paid surprisingly little attention to the question of how this notion has been understood and used in the *Zhuangzi*. The essential aim of this workshop is to examine and elucidate the obfuscatory notion of *ming* through analysis and discussion and thus to contribute to a more comprehensive insight and understanding of this concept.

10:30 a.m. Opening of the Workshop

by the director of the consortium Prof. Dr. Michael Lackner and Dr. Albert Galvany

10:45 a.m. The Meaning of *Ming* 命 in the Expression *xing ming zhi qing* 性命之情 according to the *Zhuangzi* and to other texts compiled between the 3rd and 2nd Centuries B.C.  
Prof. Dr. Attilio Andreini (Università Ca' Foscari, Venice)

11:30 a.m. Like a Destiny. Zhuangzi and the Notion of *Ming* 命 in Pre-Imperial China  
Song Gang (École Normale Supérieure, Lyon)

12:15 p.m. Discussion (Chair: Dr. Albert Galvany)

12:30 p.m. *Lunch Break*

2:30 p.m. Human and Non-Human Destinies in the *Zhuangzi*  
Prof. Dr. Lisa Raphals (University of California, Riverside)

3:15 p.m. Three Uses of Imagination in Early Chinese Literature.  
Ethics, Therapy, and Rhetoric in the *Zhuangzi*  
Prof. Dr. Romain Graziani (École Normale Supérieure, Lyon)

4:00 p.m. Discussion (Chair: Dr. Albert Galvany)

5:00 p.m. *End*