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# Lecture Series



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

**Seminar Room**, International Consortium for Research in the Humanities (IKG)  
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- 18.10. “So werden uil grosser nüyung inder welt”: German Vernacular Translations of John of Rupescissa’s *Vade mecum in tribulatione* (1356)  
Robert E. Lerner (*History of Medieval Europe, Northwestern University*)
- 25.10. Aspects of the Computistic Argument in Song Dynasty Cosmological Visualizations  
Holger Schneider (*Chinese Studies, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg*)
- 08.11. Tezcatlipoca’s Smoking Mirror: Fate, Agency and Divination among the Aztecs  
Isabel Laack (*Study of Religions, Heidelberg University*)
- 15.11. Political Theory in the Middle Ages and the Art of Mastering the Human World’s Uncertainty  
Bee Yun (*Political Science and Diplomacy, Sungkyunkwan University Seoul; IKGF Visiting Fellow*)
- 22.11. Resources of Prognosis in the Byzantine Empire  
Michael Grünbart (*Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, University of Münster*)
- 29.11. Serving a Higher Purpose: Divination and the Reform of Spirit-Writing in Republican China  
Matthias Schumann (*Goethe University Frankfurt*)
- 13.12. Disasters and Celestial Phenomena in Eleventh-Century Political Discourse in China  
Martin Kroher (*Chinese Studies, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg; IKGF Research Fellow*)
- 10.01. Aesthetic Dimensions of Rituals  
Aida Bosch (*Sociology, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg*)
- 17.01. Towards a New Philosophy of History? The Morphology of Cultures and the Limits of Individual Freedom  
David Engels (*Roman History, Université Libre des Bruxelles*)
- 24.01. Letting the Right Ones In: Court-Sanctioned Memories of Diviners, Healers, and Artisans in Five Mid-Sixth- to Mid-Seventh-Century Dynastic Histories  
Stephan Kory (*Chinese Studies; IKGF Visiting Fellow*)
- 31.01. Interpreting the Mandate (*ming* 命) in Premodern China: Zhu Xi’s (1130-1200) Philosophical and Mantic Discourse  
Maud M’Bondjo (*Chinese Studies, Centre de Recherche sur les Civilisations de l’Asie Orientale; IKGF Visiting Fellow*)
- 07.02. Theorizing Prediction  
Philipp Balsiger (*Philosophy, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg; IKGF Visiting Fellow*)