

# Food and religious pluralisms

## Comparing China and the Mediterranean world

Friday 21 - Saturday 22  
September 2018  
9:30 - 17:30



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## Friday Sept. 21

### Panel 1: Eating together

**De la Pâque juive aux Pâques chrétiennes**

Claudine Vassas (CNRS)

**Eating vegetable and serving the demon: identity politics of late imperial China**

Cao Xinyu (Renmin U.)

Chair-discussant: **Dominique Jaillard** (Geneva U.)

### Panel 2: Talking of food

**The language of food in Chinese Buddhism**

James Robson (Harvard U.)

**The Symbolism of raw and cooked in Turko-Persian Sufism**

Thierry Zarcone (CNRS, GSRL)

**Dog-meat and garlic: narratives about carnal and non-carnal *hun* 葷 (forbidden) food in late imperial Chinese literature**

Vincent Durand-Dastès (Inalco)

Chair-discussant: **Vincent Goossaert** (EPHE, PSL)

## Saturday Sept. 22

### Panel 3: Meal taboos

**Food avoidance and the construction of Jewish identity in antiquity: between discourse and practice**

Anna Angelini (Lausanne U.)

**Revisiting the Chinese beef taboo**

Vincent Goossaert (EPHE, PSL)

**Between Particularism and Universalism: The Avoidance of Pork from Antiquity to Hypermodernity**

Misgav Har-Peled (Centre Edgar Morin, Paris, EHESS/CNRS)

Chair-discussant: **Pascale Bugnon** (Geneva U.)

### Panel 4: Spiritual and material foods

**Some general observations about food taboos (from an ancient Egyptian point of view)**

Youri Volokhine (Geneva U.)

**The Chinese notion of vitality coming from blood food (*xueshi shengqi* 血食生气)**

Zhang Xuesong (Renmin U.)

**The materiality of food in Chinese religious discourse**

Thomas Jansen (Lampeter)

Chair-discussant: **James Robson** (Harvard U.)

General discussion