



Comparing Medieval Histories: China and the West

WORKSHOP

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Thursday, June 19

09:30 OPENING REMARKS

Roch, Martin (UNIGE, Switzerland)

09:45 SESSION I:

REFRAMING THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD IN CHINESE AND WESTERN HISTORY

Chair: Huang, Chih-Yen (Academia Sinica, Taiwan)

- **Fu, Yang** (National Taiwan University, Taiwan): "Viewing Medieval China from Global and Comparative Perspectives"
- **Roch, Martin** (UNIGE, Switzerland): "Did People of the 5th-6th Centuries in the West Realize they were Entering the Medieval Age?"
- **Hoeckelmann, Michael** (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany): "Zhonggu 中古: Framing the Middle in Chinese Regimes of Historicity"

11:00 DISCUSSION

*11:45 Lunch Break and
Visit of Voltaire's House*

14:50 SESSION II:

BARBARIANS AND FOREIGNERS I

Chair: Lu, Sheng-Yen (National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan)

- **Cooijmans, Christian** (University of Oslo, Norway): "Between the Lines: Finding Vikings in the Frankish Evidence"
- **Liu, Zhaojing** (Shanghai University, China): "The Alien in John of Plano Carpini's Ystoria Mongalorum"

15:40 DISCUSSION

16:00 Coffee Break

16:15 SESSION III:

BARBARIANS AND FOREIGNERS II

Chair: Huang, Ting-Shuo (Academia Sinica, Taiwan)

- **Garatti, Emanuela** (Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany): "Tibetans seen from Tang China. Vocabulary and Official Discourses of the Tang Court on Tibetans according to Textual Sources"

- **Kurdyka, Marcin** (Université Savoie Mont Blanc, France): "Barbarians, Pagans and Peasants. Slavs in Early Medieval Latin Sources (6th-11th Centuries)"
- **Zhang, Zekun** (Harvard University, USA): "Tracing Unfree People in Medieval China and Korea: Evidence from Two Household Registers"

17:30 DISCUSSION

Friday, June 20

09h30 SESSION IV:

LIFE AND DEATH OF HOLY MONKS AND NUNS I

Chair: Roch, Martin (UNIGE, Switzerland)

- **Dubois, Anne-Lydie** (UNIGE, Switzerland): "Ascetic Vigils among Saintly Women of the Early Middle Ages"
- **Huang, Chih-Yen** (Academia Sinica, Taiwan): "Seeing Laozi: Royal Devotion and Public Celebrations of the Daoist Sage in Mid-Eighth Century China"
- **Lu, Sheng-Yen** (National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan): "Authority, Obedience, and Paternal Affection – Gendering St. Anselm of Canterbury's Spiritual Fatherhood"

10:45 DISCUSSION

11:45 Lunch Break

14:00 SESSION V:

LIFE AND DEATH OF HOLY MONKS AND NUNS II

Chair: Dubois, Anne-Lydie (UNIGE, Switzerland)

- **Chan, Lek Hang** (Macau University, China): "Positioning Relics and Rome in Early Christian England"
- **Huang, Ting-Shuo** (Academia Sinica, Taiwan): "The Deaths of Eminent Monks and Nuns in Buddhist Hagiography, 4th-6th Centuries"

14:50 DISCUSSION

15:10 Coffee Break

15:30 CONCLUDING ROUNDTABLE

16:20 CLOSING REMARKS

Roch, Martin (UNIGE, Switzerland)