

LOCATION

The conference will take place at the Toscana-Saal of the Würzburg Residenz, Südflügel. Entrance Gate A of the Southwing.

REGISTRATION

All lectures are public. Attendance is free of charge, but pre-registration is requested. To register and for further information call +49(0)931 8885571 or send an email to patricia.frick@mail.uni-wuerzburg.de or dieter.kuhn@mail.uni-wuerzburg.de.

Thursday, 27 May

15:00-17:00

Registration

17:15-19:00

Opening

Welcome
Prof. Dr. Axel Haase, President of the University of Würzburg

Opening Address
Dieter Kuhn, Reflections on the Concept of Antiquity in China's Civilization

Keynote Speech
Peter K. Bol (Harvard University), The Two Faces of Antiquity: The Creation of Civilization and Its Decline

19:00

Reception in Honor of the Speakers

(Martin-von-Wagner-Museum, Würzburg Residenz)

Friday, 28 May

9:00-10:45

SECTION 1: The Archaeology of Antiquity: Concepts in Alteration

Chair: Mayke Wagner (German Archaeological Institute, Berlin)

Mayke Wagner (German Archaeological Institute, Berlin),
The Present Perception of the Origin of the Chinese Civilization

Pavel E. Tarasov (Moscow State University),
Environmental Aspects of the Chinese Antiquity: Problems of Interpretation and Chronological Correlation

Tang Jigen (Chinese Academy of Social Science, Beijing),
Reconstructing the Chronological Framework for Shang History of Bronze Age China (1600-1046 B.C.): Significance and Implications

DISCUSSANT:

Lothar von Falkenhausen (University of California, Los Angeles)

11:10-13:00

SECTION 2: A Problem of Cultural Chronology: Was There an Antiquity in the Antiquity?

Chair: Li Feng (Columbia University, New York)

Poo Mu-chou (Academia Sinica, Taipei),
The Formation of the Concept of Antiquity in China

Lothar von Falkenhausen (University of California, Los Angeles),
Archaeological Perspectives on the Philosophicization of Royal Zhou Ritual

Li Feng (Columbia University, New York),
Transmitting Antiquity: The Re-creation of Political Institutions during the Eastern Zhou Period

DISCUSSANT:

Michael J. Puett (Harvard University)

13:00-14:30

Lunch Break

14:30-18:00

SECTION 3: From the Debates over Antiquity after Han Times to Reinterpreting Antiquity in Song Times

Chair: Peter K. Bol (Harvard University)

Michael J. Puett (Harvard University),
Are Sages a Thing of the Past? Debates over Antiquity during the Second and Third Centuries AD

Aitaru Sotomura (University of Würzburg),
The Fashionable Revival of Ancient Garden Designs in 7th Century China

DISCUSSANT:

Helga Stahl (University of Würzburg)

Christian Lamouroux
(Centre d'Études sur la Chine Moderne et Contemporaine, Paris),
Antiquity, "Old Precepts", and Court Culture in Northern Song China (1070-1125)

Karine Chemla
(French National Center for Scientific Research, CNRS, Paris),
Changing Perceptions of the Formation of Canonical Mathematical Texts in History

Patricia Frick (University of Würzburg),
Tracing and Questioning Ideals of Antiquity in Ritual Robes as Described in Song Times

DISCUSSANT:

Philip Clart (University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia)

Saturday, 29 May

9:00-10:45

SECTION 3: (Continued)

Chair: Ina Asim (University of Oregon, Eugene)

Philip Clart (University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia),
Sima Guang's (1019-1086) Efforts at Ritual Reform between Classical Ideal and Contemporary Practice

Thomas H.C. Lee (City College of the City University of New York),
Skepticist Reconstruction and Sagely Truth in Tension: Song Attempts to Draw the Boundaries of Historical Antiquity

Martin Hofmann (University of Würzburg),
Approaches to the Understanding of the "Yugong" from the Song to the Qing Dynasty

DISCUSSANT:

Florian C. Reiter (Humboldt University, Berlin)

11:00-12:10

SECTION 4: From the Transformation of Antiquity in Ming Times to Problems of National Identity in 20th Century China

Chair: Erling von Mende (Free University Berlin)

Lin Li-chiang (Normal University, Taipei),
The Making and Transformation of the Ancient Rulership in Ming Dynasty: Dijian tushuo [A Study of the Illustrated Texts of the Mirror for Emperors]

Dagmar Schäfer (University of Würzburg),
Technical Knowledge and Knowledge Claim with Reference to the Sages

DISCUSSANT:

Thomas H.C. Lee (City College of the City University of New York)

12:10-14:00

Lunch Break