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The Department of History, Rice University
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The Department of Religious Studies, Rice University
Friday, February 17, 2012

9:45-10:00 a.m.: Welcome (Founders Room, Lovett Hall)
   Tani Barlow, Director of the Chao Center for Asian Studies
   David Leebron, President of Rice University

10:00-10:45 a.m.: Presentation by Marc Kalinowski (École pratique des hautes études)
   “An Overview of Divination in China from the Shang through the Tang: Some Issues and Approaches” (Founders Room, Lovett Hall)

10:45-11:00 a.m.: Break

11:00-11:45 a.m.: Presentation by Richard Smith (Rice University)
   “An Overview of Divination in China from the Song through the Qing: Some Issues and Approaches” (Founders Room, Lovett Hall)

1:45-2:30 p.m.: Presentation by Nanxiu Qian (Rice University)
   “Divination in Works of the Shishuo Genre, China and Japan” (Founders Room, Lovett Hall)

2:30-3:15 p.m.: Presentation by Susan Huang (Rice University)
   “The Visual Culture of Temple Divinations in Song Dynasty China” (Founders Room, Lovett Hall)

3:15-3:30 p.m.: Break

3:30-4:15 p.m.: Presentation by Matthias Hayek (Université Paris Diderot)
   “Correcting the Old, Adapting the New: Baba Nobutake and the (Relative) Rejuvenation of Divination in Japan at the End of the 17th Century” (Founders Room, Lovett Hall)

4:15-5:00 p.m.: Presentation by Alexei Volkov (National Tsing Hua University) and/or Dieu Linh Mai Bui (Concordia University, Montreal, Canada)
   “Divination Practices among Vietnamese Minorities” (Founders Room, Lovett Hall)
Saturday, February 18, 2012

9:30-10:15 a.m.: Presentation by Michael Lackner (University of Erlangen-Nürnberg) (Founders Room, Lovett Hall)

“The Last Stand of ‘Chinese Science’: Yuan Shushan, Traditional Divination and Western Knowledge in Republican China” (Founders Room, Lovett Hall)

10:15-11:00 a.m.: Presentation by Stephanie Homola (École des hautes études en sciences sociales)

“From Jianghu to Liumang: Working Conditions and Cultural Identity of Wandering Fortune-tellers in Contemporary China” (Founders Room, Lovett Hall)

11:00-11:15 a.m.: Break

11:15-12:00 noon: Presentation by Anne Klein (Rice University)

“Divining Hail: Deities, Energies, and Tantra on the Tibetan Plateau” (Founders Room, Lovett Hall)

1:30-2:15 p.m.: Presentation by Jennifer Jung-Kim (UCLA)

“Women and Divination in Contemporary Korea” (Founders Room, Lovett Hall)

2:15-3:30 p.m.: Presentation by David J. Kim (University of Pittsburgh)

“Horoscopic Divination and Digital Technologies in Contemporary Korea” (Founders Room, Lovett Hall)

3:30-3:40 p.m. Concluding Remarks