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# WORKSHOP

Convenor: Prof. Dr. Terry Kleeman (IKGF Visiting Fellow)

# Changing Fate in Religious Daoism



There are many aspects to the concept of fate in Daoism and also many ways to alter fate. Fate can refer to the predispositions inherited at birth through astrological, horary or numerary factors or through the actions of one's ancestors and relatives or one's own previous incarnations. Fate can also indicate the responses of the universal Dao or specific divine manifestations of that Dao like the Three Officers during the course of an individual life to moral conduct, personal cultivation, or ritual activity. Fate determines the length of one's lifespan and the circumstances of one's death as well as the nature of one's posthumous existence. Finally, fate can also be communal or societal, setting forth apocalyptic disasters or utopian delights that supersede individual dispositions and frustrate personal efforts because of larger movements of history or divine judgements of the nature of an age. A variety of ritual, contemplative, and devotional intercessions have been practiced through Daoist history to limit, shape, or alter these forces and aid believing Daoists in amending their fate in favorable ways. This workshop will explore how Daoists conceived of fate and how they responded to it personally and in groups through a temporal span of millennia and across the diverse geographical canvas that constitutes Chinese civilization. It will examine the influence of the living upon the dead as well as the dead upon the living, the judgments of the divine upon the mortal and the entreaties of mortals to the gods, as well as the workings of the Dao throughout the cosmos as the ages of man arise, develop and decline.

**June 13-14, 2013**

**Senatssaal Schloss  
Schlossplatz 4, 91054 Erlangen**

Please register by June 1, 2013 via [www.ikgf.fau.de](http://www.ikgf.fau.de)



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### Thursday, June 13, 2013

- 9:00 a.m. **Introduction**  
Thomas Fröhlich (IKGF Deputy Director) /  
Terry Kleeman (Convenor)
- 9:30 a.m. **Options for Molding *ming* "Fate" in  
the Scripture on Great Peace**  
Barbara Hendrischke (China Studies Centre,  
The University of Sydney)
- 10:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*
- 10:45 a.m. **The Joining the Pneumas Rite and  
the Avoidance of Disaster in Celestial  
Master Daoism**  
Terry Kleeman (Asian Languages and Civilizations,  
University of Colorado Boulder)
- 11:45 p.m. *Lunch break*
- 1:30 p.m. **Revisiting the *Central Scripture of the  
Nine Perfected* 九真中經: Rebirthing  
the Body to Extend Life in Medieval  
Daoism**  
Stephen Bokenkamp (School of International  
Letters & Cultures, Arizona State University)
- 2:30 p.m. *Coffee Break*
- 2:45 p.m. **Sex, Drugs and Destiny in Early  
Shangqing Daoism**  
Michael Stanley-Baker (PhD China Centre for  
Health and Humanity, University College London)
- 3:45 p.m. *End of 1st day*

### Friday, June 14, 2013

- 9:30 a.m. **Destiny, Vital Force, or Existence?  
Initial Remarks on the Meanings of  
"Ming" in Daoist Internal Alchemy**  
Fabrizio Pregadio (Independent Scholar,  
Former IKGF Visiting Fellow)
- 10:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*
- 10:45 a.m. **The *Sword Scripture***  
Robert Campany (College of Arts and Science,  
Vanderbilt University)
- 11:45 p.m. *Lunch break*
- 1:30 p.m. **The Rise of Apocalyptic  
Eschatology in Daoist Scriptures,  
17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Centuries**  
Vincent Goossaert (EPHE; Groupe Sociétés,  
Religions, Laïcités, EPHE-CNRS, Paris)
- 2:30 p.m. *Coffee Break*
- 2:45 p.m. **Expediting Fate:  
*yinyang* Household Daoists of North  
Shanxi in Modern Times**  
Stephen Jones (Department of Music, School of  
Oriental and African Studies, U. of London)
- 3:45 p.m. **Final Discussion**
- 4:30 p.m. *End of conference*