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**WORKSHOP**

Convenor:

**Prof. Dr. Donatella Rossi** (Sapienza University of Rome, IKGf Visiting Fellow)

**Divination in  
Tibet and Mongolia.  
Past and Present**

**December 2-3, 2014**

KHC Seminar Room, Building D1  
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## Tuesday, December 2, 2014

- 10:00 a.m. **Welcome Address**  
Prof. Dr. Rainer Trinczek (Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)
- 10:15 a.m. **Introduction** Prof. Dr. Donatella Rossi (Sapienza University of Rome, IKGF Visiting Fellow)
- 10:30 a.m. **How to Calculate the Future. The Mathematics of Divination in Tibet**  
Prof. em. Dr. Dieter Schuh (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Abteilung für Mongolistik und Tibetstudien; International Institute for Tibetan and Buddhist Studies GmbH)
- 11:15 a.m. **A Case of Prophecy in Post-Imperial Tibet**  
Prof. em. Dr. Per Kværne (University of Oslo, Norway)
- 12:00 p.m. *Lunch Break*
- 2:00 p.m. **Mo-Divination in Healing Rituals in Bhutan**  
Dr. Mona Schrempf (EASTmedicine Research Centre, Complementary Medicine, School of Life Sciences, University of Westminster, London)
- 2:45 p.m. **How to Determine the Right Place for Construction: Glimpses of sa dpyad**  
Prof. Dr. Petra Maurer (Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften / LMU München)
- 3:30 p.m. *Coffee Break*
- 4:00 p.m. **Prognosis, Prophylaxis, and Trumps: Comparative Remarks on Several Common Forms of Tibetan Cleromancy**  
Alexander Smith, M.A. (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris)

## Divination in Tibet and Mongolia. Past and Present

## Wednesday, December 3, 2014

- 10:30 a.m. **Signs and Portents in Nature and in Dreams: What They Mean and What Can Be Done About Them**  
Prof. Dr. Charles Ramble (University of Oxford; École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris)
- 11:15 a.m. **Divinations Padampa Did or Did Not Do or Did or Did Not Write**  
Prof. Dr. Dan Martin (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)
- 12:00 p.m. *Lunch Break*
- 2:00 p.m. **Some Notes on Tibetan Astrology in Mongolia: The Legacy of Lamyn Gegeen Blo Bzang bstan 'dzin rgyal mtshan (1639-1703)**  
Dr. Agata Bareja-Starzyńska (University of Warsaw)
- 2:45 p.m. **Preliminary Considerations About the Role of Semantics in Divination**  
Prof. Dr. Donatella Rossi (Sapienza University of Rome, IKGF Visiting Fellow)
- 3:30 p.m. *Coffee Break*
- 4:00 p.m. **Final Discussion**

The Workshop "Divination in Tibet and Mongolia. Past and Present" gathers internationally distinguished scholars who will present, according to their own specialized researches in the field of Tibetan and Mongolian studies, a specific topic on the numerous and diversified systems and instruments for discovering

hidden circumstances pertaining to those two cultural realities. The Workshop is the first of its kind. Through presentations and round table discussions participants will endeavor to establish a blueprint for a transdisciplinary and transcultural discourse on the nature and history of divination in Tibet and Mongolia.