The International Research Consortium “Fate, Freedom and Prognostication. Strategies for Coping with the Future in East Asia and Europe” at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg would like to welcome you to our conference “Mantic Arts in China (II)” on July 21st and 22nd, 2017. Mantic arts have long been dismissed as “superstitious” or “irrational.” However, this rejected knowledge not only sheds light on the history of science and technology, but also helps us to understand the wide range of human activities that are yet to be seriously considered in many scholarly fields. Last July, we had our “Mantic Arts in China” conference in order to launch our publication series: Handbook of Prognostication and Prediction in China.

This follow up workshop is specially focused on the introductory volume of the series: Part 1: Introduction to the Field of Chinese Prognostication. The purpose of this volume is to open the field of Chinese prognostication as well as to answer the question of why prognostication matters in various fields of Chinese studies and humanities in general. The volume contains two parts: 1. General introductions to aspects of Chinese prognostication (its history, significance, etc.); 2. Surveys of research on prognostication in various fields, or “states of the field.” This workshop is particularly dedicated to the general issues and difficulties that the contributors have encountered through writing their chapters.
Wednesday, June 21, 2017

9:30 a.m. Welcome Address
Michael Lackner

9:50 a.m. Thought and Prognostication
Zhao Lu, Discussant: Andrew Schonebaum

10:40 a.m. Coffee Break

11:10 a.m. The Living Traditions of Prognostication
Stéphanie Homola, Discussant: Hon Tze-ki

12:00 p.m. Politics and Prognostication
Hon Tze-ki, Discussant: Michael Lackner

12:50 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. Prognostication in Early Chinese Excavated Texts
Constance Cook, Discussant: Marc Kalinowski

2:50 p.m. Popular Religion and Prognostication
Philip Clart, Discussant: Fabrizio Pregadio

3:40 p.m. Coffee Break

4:10 p.m. Daoism and Prognostication
Fabrizio Pregadio, Discussant: Philip Clart

5:00 p.m. End

Thursday, June 22, 2017

9:00 a.m. Medicine and Prognostication
Marta Hanson, Discussant: Chang Chia-Feng

9:50 a.m. Literature and Prognostication
Andrew Schonebaum

10:40 a.m. Coffee Break

11:10 a.m. Sketch of the History of Prognostication
Chang Chia-Feng, Discussant: Zhao Lu

12:00 p.m. Taxonomy, Classification, Terminology
Marc Kalinowski

12:50 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. Prophecy and Prognostication
Stephen Bokenkamp

2:50 p.m. Handbook of Divinatory Techniques
Stephan Kory

3:40 p.m. Roundtable Discussion

4:15 p.m. End