Fate, Freedom, and Creation in Early China

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Friday, May 20, 2011

09:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Addresses
Prof. Dr. Heidrun Stein-Kecks (Dean of Faculty)
Prof. Dr. Michael Lackner (Director IKGF)
Prof. Dr. Martin Kern (Convener)

10:00 a.m. Divinatory Authority and Author’s Divinity in Early China
Prof. Dr. Joachim Gentz

10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break

11:00 a.m. Literary Expression and Fate-Effects in Western Han Yi Divination: Jiaoshi yilin as Example
Prof. Dr. David Schaberg

11:45 a.m. The Philosophy of “Change”: On the Notion of “Zhong Shi” (Beginning and Ending) in the Ten Wings
Prof. Dr. Dennis Cheng

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

2:30 p.m. The Consciousness of the Dead as a Philosophical Problem in Ancient China
Prof. Dr. Paul R. Goldin

3:15 p.m. Human and Non-human Destinies in Zhuangzi and Aristotle
Prof. Dr. Lisa Raphals

4:00 p.m. Refreshment Break

4:15 p.m. Disquisitions on Fate in Early Medieval China
Prof. Dr. Alan K. Chan

Saturday, May 21, 2011

09:30 a.m. Wine, Women, and the Creation of Ritual in Early China
Prof. Dr. Scott Cook

10:15 a.m. Family Fortunes and Dynastic Change in Early Imperial China: the Example of the Ban Family
Prof. Dr. Griet Vankeerberghen

11:00 a.m. Refreshment Break

11:15 a.m. Fate and Heroism in Early Chinese Poetry
Prof. Dr. Martin Kern

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. On the Appearance of Sages: Dispensational Schemes and Ideas of Contingency in Early China
Prof. Dr. Mark Csikszentmihalyi

2:45 p.m. Authorship and Interpretation: The Hermeneutics of Cosmology in Early Chinese Commentarial Practice
Prof. Dr. Michael J. Puett

3:30 p.m. Refreshment Break

3:45 p.m. Stylistic Developments in Shang and Zhou Bronze Décor: Inexorable or Deliberate?
Prof. Dr. Lothar von Falkenhausen

4:30 p.m. Closing Discussion