




ABSTRACT

Subprojects B09 (Bamboo and Wood as Writing Materials in Early China) and B10 (Rolls for the King) of the CRC 933 “Material Text Cultures” at Heidelberg University seek to explore the materiality of rulership and administration in the Pre-Modern World. While Michael Clanchy’s seminal study *From Memory to Written Record* set the groundwork for research into record keeping and pragmatic literacy, more recent research has drawn attention to the significance of materiality. Building upon these developments, we wish to take this research a step further through transcultural comparison. The workshop seeks to address questions regarding the nature and scope of the relationship between rulership and administration and the materiality of their records. We want to tackle this issue with a transcultural comparison in order to widen the horizon of our individual fields of research, seeking to explore consistencies (or dissimilarities) of practice between different times and cultures. The basic question would ask if there is an anthropological constant or if people in different times and cultures sought to express and undertake the written records of rulership and administration through materiality differently. By working within a transcultural framework, we seek to be able to cover a broader range of political and cultural systems, which would otherwise not be possible.

PARTICIPATION

This workshop will be held online via the web conferencing service HeiConf and consists of pre-circulated papers. If you would like to participate, please email **Abby Armstrong** (abby.armstrong@uni-heidelberg.de).

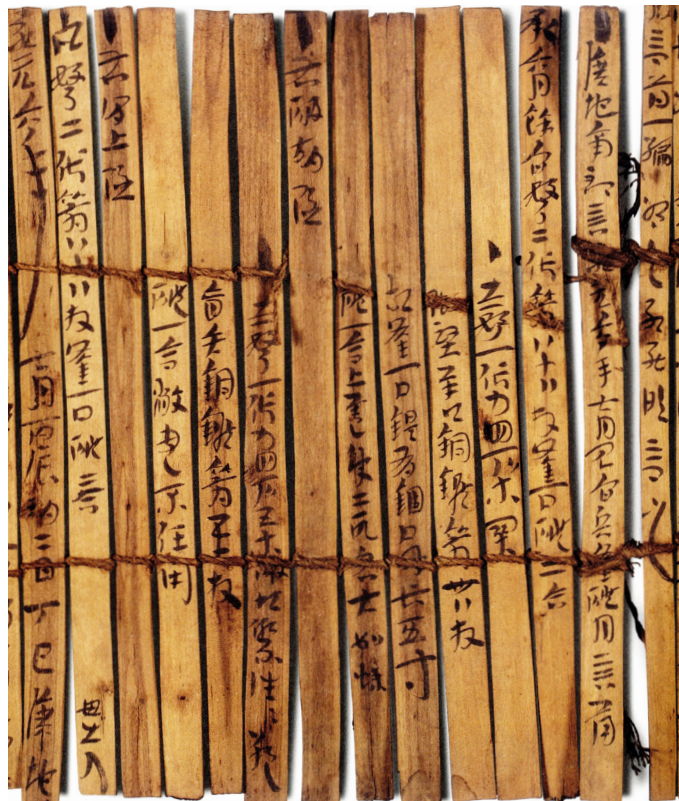
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Thursday 24 March 2022

- 09.00–09.15 Welcome and Introduction
Abby Armstrong, Matthias Kuhn & Chun Fung TONG
- 09.15–10.30 SESSION 1
Chair: **Aaron Vanides**
- By the State, For the State: Epigraphy as Administrative Practice in Early China*
Ondřej Škrabal (石安瑞), Hamburg University
- Between Administrative and Rulership Writing: King Henry IV of England (r. 1399–1413) and the „Great Cowcher“*
Jörg Peltzer, Heidelberg University
- 10.30–10.45 Break
- 10.45–12.00 SESSION 2
Chair: **Chun Fung TONG** (唐俊峰)
- To Write or to Seal? New Evidence on Literacy Practices in Early China*
Tsang Wing MA (馬增榮), University of Macau
- Record-Keeping on the Late Medieval Estates of the Earls of Northumberland: Drafts, Templates and Innovation?*
Abby Armstrong, Heidelberg University
- 12.00–12.15 Break



- 12.15–13.30 SESSION 3
Chair: **Abby Armstrong**
- Between Slips and Boards: Rulership and Writing Supports in China's Eastern Han Dynasty, 25–220 AD*
Chun Fung TONG (唐俊峰), Heidelberg University
- The Scribe and the Witnesses: the Making of Witness Lists in the Charters of the Counts of Flanders (1071–1191)*
Roman Waroquier, University of Namur

Friday 25 March 2022

- 09.00–10.15 SESSION 4
Chair: **Enno Giele** (紀安諾)
- 'Reporting' in the Oral Communication and Written Document: a Preliminary Study of the Boundary between Inner and Outer Space of the Offices during the Qin and Han Dynasty*
HOU Xudong (侯旭東), Tsinghua University
- Enrolling Lines of Power: Yorkist Pedigree Rolls as Material Evidence of Kingship*
Matthias Kuhn, Heidelberg University
- 10.15–10.30 Break

- 10.30–11.45 SESSION 5
Chair: **Maxim Korolkov**
- Layouting Authority: Graphic Reflections of Power Relationships in Early Chinese Documents*
Enno Giele (紀安諾), Heidelberg University
- Civitas Librorum: The Power of Book-Keeping in Late Medieval Friedberg and Gelnhausen*
Hanna Nüllen, Halle-Wittenberg University
- 11.45–12.30 Roundtable Discussion
Chair: **Jörg Peltzer**

12.30 Close

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