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Julius Maximilian University of Würzburg with the Chinese University of Hong Kong Schelling Forum of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Hubland Campus South (Z6)

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Organized by Roland Altenburger, in cooperation with Lawrence Wang Chi Wong, the Chinese University of Hong Kong

Preliminary Program

Wednesday, 19 June 2024: Arrival Day

19:00	Welcome dinner at Alte Mainmuehle (<u>www.alte-mainmuehle.de</u>)
	Mainkai 1, 97070 Würzburg

Thursday, 20 June 2024: First Conference Day

Venue: Schelling Forum, Klinikstrasse 3

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:15	Welcoming addresses and introduction
09:15-10:45	Panel 1: Roman Catholic Missionaries and Their Translations Chair: Monika Gänßbauer (Stockholm)
	Claudia von Collani (Würzburg): "Translation Necessary. Joachim Bouvet's <i>Tianxue benyi</i> "
	Chiara Bocci (Leipzig / LMU München): "Historia Natural en Caracteres Sinicos: The Earliest Translation of the <i>Shanhai jing</i> 山海經 (Book of Mountains and Seas) by José Villanueva (OSA), Manila, 1787"

10:45-11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00-12:30 Panel 2: Protestant Missionaries and Their Translations

Chair: Monika Gänßbauer (Stockholm)

Benjamin Penny (ANU, Canberra):

"Manstealers: Slavery in 19th Century Chinese Bibles"

Lisa Kerl (Münster):

"'Various Blossoms of Chinese Intellectual Life': Translations in the Publications of the Evangelical Missionary Society in Basel"

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 Panel 3: English Translators Based in Canton/Macao

Chair: Rüdiger Breuer (Bochum)

Lawrence Wang Chi Wong (CUHK):

"'To Promote a Good Feeling Between this Country and My Own': The Political Functions of the Non-Political Translations of Robert Thom (1807-1846)"

Patricia Sieber (Ohio State):

"The First Anglophone Notice of Mulan? Peter Perring Thoms (1790-1855), the *Baimei xinyong tuzhuan* 百美新詠圖傳 (ca. 1805), and the Sinological Historiography of Imperial & Late Imperial Chinese Women"

15:30-15:45 **Coffee break**

15:45-17:15 Panel 4: Translations of Legal Texts

Chair: Rüdiger Breuer (Bochum)

Rui Liu (Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications):

"Where to Find Knowledge of Chinese Commercial Law? The Mixed Court Cases in Jamieson's Translation of the Qing Code"

Kerstin Storm (Münster):

"Karl Bünger (1903-1997) and His Translations of Chinese Legal Texts"

17:30-18:30 Keynote address

Timothy H. Barrett (SOAS, London):

"The Importance of Religious Factors in British Literary Knowledge of China Before the Opium Wars"

19:30 Dinner at Locanda (www.locanda.de)

Kranenkai 1, 97070 Würzburg

Friday, 21 June 2024: Second Conference Day

Venue: Hubland Süd, building Z6, room 2.013

09:00-10:30 Panel 5: Knowledge Transmission via Translation

Chair: Patricia Sieber (Ohio State)

Roland Altenburger (Würzburg):

"I Do Not Know a Book More Deserving of the Study of Foreigners': Translations of the Sacred Edict (Shengyu) into the European Languages"

Chunhui Lu (Macau):

"The Portuguese Translation of *Monograph of Macao* by Luís Gonzaga Gomes: Pioneer in Disseminating the First Work on Macao"

10:30-10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45-12:15 Panel 6: The Challenges of Translating Masterworks

Chair: Patricia Sieber (Ohio State)

Monika Gänßbauer (Stockholm):

"The Translator Erik Folke and Swedish Translations of the Zhuangzi"

Lily Li (CUHK):

"Raymond Dawson and His *Shiij* 史記 Translation: A Reflection of the Practical Approach in British Sinology"

12:15-13:45 Lunch break

13:45-15:15 Panel 7: Early Translations from Novels

Chair: Frank Kraushaar (Innsbruck)

Lingjie Ji (CUHK):

"The Chinese Novel or/as a Source of Knowledge: 'Scraps from Chinese Mythology' in *The China Review* (1872-1901)"

Siyang Shuai (East China Normal University, Shanghai):

"A 'True History' of Ancient China: S. Wells Williams' Unpublished Translation of *Dongzhou Lieguozhi* 東周列國志"

15:15-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-17:00 Panel 8: Literary Translations into German, French and Italian

Chair: Frank Kraushaar (Innsbruck)

Wenjing Han (Frankfurt):

"Translation as Knowledge Transfer: Motives and Goals of the German Translations of *Liaozhai zhi yi* in the 20th Century"

Changxu Gao (Rome, Sapienza):

"The 'Tao' in Italy: Alberto Castellani (1884-1932) and the Translation of the *Tao Te Ching*"

19:00 Dinner at Buergerspital (<u>www.buergerspital-weinstuben.de</u>)

Theaterstr. 19, 97070 Würzburg

Saturday, 22 June 2024: Third Conference Day and Departure

Venue: Hubland Süd, building Z6, room 2.013

09:00-10:30 Panel 9: Translating Forensic and Medical Texts

Chair: Kerstin Storm (Münster)

Raffaela Rettinger (Würzburg):

"How to Dissect a (Literary) Body: The Xiyuan jilu as First Forensic Record and its Many Translations"

Rüdiger Breuer (Bochum):

"Manfred Porkert (1933–2015) and Paul Unschuld (b. 1943) and their Contribution to the Knowledge about Traditional Chinese Medicine"

10:30-10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45-12:15 Panel 10: Translating Music, Dance and Classical Poetry

Chair: Kerstin Storm (Münster)

Sophie Ling-chia Wei (CUHK):

"The Image Building of China in the Knowledge Transfer: Jean Joseph Marie Amiot's Intersemiotic Translations of Chinese Music"

Frank Kraushaar (Innsbruck):

"Whoever Knows the Tune? A Comparative View on Modern Anglo-American and German Translations of Classical Chinese Verse"

12:15-13:15 **Lunch break**

13:15-14:00 Concluding discussion, publication plans and farewell