Perfumery and Ritual
The Use of Incense, Flowers, Distillates, and Aromatic Objects in Asia
Workshop on November 29 to 30, 2010

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REGISTRATION
Please register via e-mail before November 14, 2010.
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SCOPE
The workshop “Perfumery and Ritual - The Use of Incense, Flowers, Distillates, and Aromatic Objects in Asia” will establish and explore the scholarly field of perfumery. The workshop will specifically discuss the use of aromatic materials in Asian rituals, and based on such field data, elicit its aesthetic and cultural significance. The aim is to introduce and discuss new topics and methodologies that can be usefully applied to advance the field of Ritual and Cultural Studies.

GOALS
The papers and round tables are intended ...
... to shed light on the use of perfumery products within the ritual context, and the specialized crafts as the precondition of any consumption of aromatics for ritual aims,
... to initiate a comparative view on perfumery cultures in history and at different places in Asia, in order to analyze different characters of local consumption of aromatics within ritual contexts,
... to elicit cultural connections, flows, and mutual influences between different Asian traditions concerning the use of aromatics in rituals and the further elaboration of the local perfumery arts.