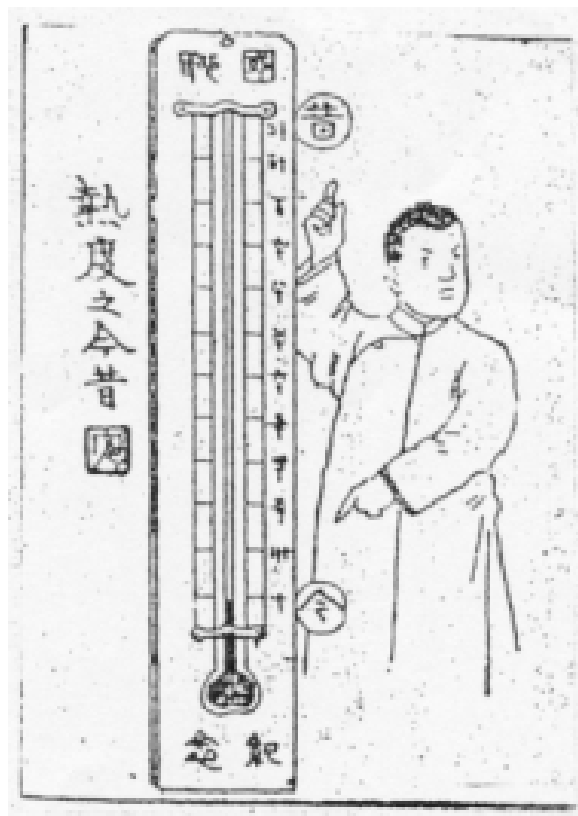


# Measuring Historical Heat

Event, Performance and Impact  
in China and the West

**Symposium in Honour of  
Rudolf G. Wagner on his 60th Birthday**

Heidelberg, Institute of Chinese Studies  
Nov 3-4, 2001





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**Saturday, 3.11.2001**

**8.30 Welcoming the Guests**



**9.00 Welcome Address**



**9.30-10.45 Keynote Lecture**

**Jan Assmann, Heidelberg, Egyptology "The Hot and the Cold in History"**

**10.45-11.00 COFFEE BREAK**



**11.00-13.00 Panel I: The Philosophy of Events (Part I)**

Chair: **Glenn Most**, Pisa/Chicago, Classical Philology

**Christoph Harbsmeier**, Oslo

"Explicit Abstraction: The Case of Classical Chinese"

**Ulrike Middendorf**, Heidelberg

"Hot Debates on Emotions: The Problem of the Affective States in Pre-Qin and Early Medieval Chinese Philosophy"

**Joachim Gentz**, Heidelberg

"Anticipating Historical Heat. Early Chinese Concepts of Time Quality and their Possible Influence on Historical Events"



13.00-14.30 LUNCH BREAK

**14.30-15.30 Panel I: The Philosophy of Events (Part II)**

Chair: **Glenn Most**, Pisa/Chicago, Classical Philology

**Friederike Assandri**, Rom/Heidelberg

"Dynastic Change and Reorientation of Religion: The Rise of the Tang and Daoism"

**Roderick McFarquhar**, Harvard

"Cataclysms and China: How to get rid of Dinosaurs"

**15.30-17.00 Panel II: The Historiography of Events (Part I)**

Chair: **Stefan Maul**, Heidelberg, Assyriology

**Stephan Peter Bumbacher**, Tübingen

"Whose life is it anyway? On Traditional Chinese Biographical Writing"

**Johannes Kurz**, Brunei

"Empereur a la surprise: The Making of Song Taizu"

**Hans van Ess**, München

"The Fall of Kaifeng in 1127 and Censorship in Ssu-k'u ch'üan-shu versions of the Annals"



17.00-17.15 COFFEE BREAK

**17.15-18.45 Panel II: The Historiography of Events (Part II)**

Chair: **Stefan Maul**, Heidelberg, Assyriology

**Andrea Janku**, Heidelberg

"The North-China Famine of 1876-79: Performance and Impact of a Non-Event"

**Nany Kim**, Heidelberg/London

"Competition over National Origins in China, Japan and Korea around 1900"

**Natascha Vittinghoff**, Göttingen

"In the Heat of the Night: Shanghai's Electrification and the Contingency of Social Practice"



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**Sunday, 4.11.2001**

**9.30-11.30 Panel III: The Event in Literature, Arts and the Media (Part I)**

Chair: **Lothar Ledderose**, Heidelberg, East Asian Art

**Nico Volland**, Heidelberg

"Writing with Fire: PRC Newspaper Making in High Temperature Times"

**Wolfgang Kubin**, Bonn

"Der Schreckensmann: German Melancholy and Chinese Restlessness: Ye Shengtao's Novel Ni Huanzhi"

**Milena Dolezelova-Velingerova**, Toronto

"Huang Ren (1863-1913): The Eccentric who Discovered Belles Lettres for Chinese Literature "



11.30-11.45 COFFEE BREAK

**11.45-12.45 Panel III: The Event in Literature, Arts and the Media (Part II)**

Chair: **Lothar Ledderose**, Heidelberg, East Asian Art

**Ed Shaughnessy**, Chicago

"The Writing of the Xici Zhuan and the Making of the Yijing"

**Michael Schimmelpfennig**, Heidelberg

"The Event of Poetic Boredom or the Skill of Repetition? The "Nine Laments" by Liu Xiang"



12.45-14.00 LUNCH BREAK

**14.00-17.00 Panel IV: The Event in History and Memory (Part I)**

Chair: **Tonio Hölscher**, Heidelberg, Archeology

**Barbara Volkmar**, Freiburg

"Event and Interpretation: A Medical Comment"

**Paul Cohen**, Harvard

"Remembering and Forgetting the Twenty-One Demands: A Case Study in Manipulation of National Memory"

**Barbara Mittler**, Heidelberg

"A Fire and its Causes: Eunuchs and the Making of (Event) History in China"

**Catherine V. Yeh**, Heidelberg

"The Cultural Revolution and the Cultural Revolution Museum: What is the Correct Memory?"

**Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik**, Heidelberg

"Is 20th century Chinese History an Unending Disaster?"



17.00-17.15 COFFEE BREAK



**17.15-19.00 Roundtable: Event, Performance and Impact**

Chair: **Rudolf G. Wagner**, Heidelberg



**Tonio Hölscher**, Heidelberg (Archeology); **Glenn Most**, Heidelberg (Classical Philology); **Stefan Maul**, Heidelberg (Assyriology); **Rüdiger Bubner**, Heidelberg (Philosophy); **Marianne Bastid-Bruguière**, Paris; **Heike Holbig**, Hamburg

