

The term “tribute system” originated in the western world to theorize historical international relations of China. In imperial China no such theoretical conception existed, just as little as a “foreign ministry”. “Tribute system” derived from the term *chaogong* 朝貢 (to offer tribute) and describes a whole set of administrative concepts and institutions which served to manage the diplomatic and commercial foreign relations. The basic aims of this workshop are to scrutinize the concept “tribute system” and to discuss particular international (inter-)actions, the focus shall be laid on late imperial China (Ming and Qing dynasties).

Der Terminus „Tributssystem“ ist ein im Westen entstandener Begriff, um das konzeptuelle System der historischen Außenbeziehungen Chinas fassbar zu machen. Im kaiserzeitlichen China gab es keine entsprechende theoretische Konstruktion – genauso wenig wie ein Außenministerium. „Tributssystem“ leitet sich von dem chinesischen Begriff *chaogong* 朝貢 (Tribut darbringen) ab und beschreibt ein ganzes Set von administrativen Konzepten und Einrichtungen, mit denen sowohl der wirtschaftliche als auch der diplomatische Außenverkehr geregelt wurde. In diesem Workshop sollen sowohl die Konzeption „Tributssystem“ kritisch hinterfragt als auch spezielle internationale (Inter-)Aktionen diskutiert werden. Der Fokus liegt auf dem späten Kaiserreich (Ming- und Qing-Dynastien).

Venue

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Programme

Friday, July 6 2018

13.00 | Welcome & Keynote speech:

James Chin (Jinan University)

Envoys, Brokers and Interpreters: Chinese Merchants in the Tribute System of Late Imperial China

Panel: **The “Tribute System” and the Maritime Silk Road**

Chair: **Sally Church** (Cambridge University)

14.00 | **Roderich Ptak** (Munich University)

The West Side of the Lingdingyang: Spatial and Economic Changes, Smuggling and Tribute Trade (Song to Early Ming)

14.30 | **Wan Ming** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)

Focusing on the Indian Ocean: Interpreting the Tributary System at the Early 15th Century

15.00 | **Rui Manuel Loureiro** (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)

Early Iberian reports on the Ming Tribute System: From Tomé Pires (1516) to Juan González de Mendoza (1585)

15.30 | Coffee Break

Panel: **The “Tribute System” and the Maritime Silk Road/ Cultural Aspects of the “Tribute System”**

Chair: **Roderich Ptak** (Munich University)

16.00 | **Paola Calanca** (École française d'Extrême-Orient)

China-Ryukyu Missions: Maritime Expertise in the Eastern Sea

16.30 | **Shih Ching-fei** (Taiwan University)

Cultural Contending: The Qing Court Painted Enamels that Surpassed the Porcelain Technology of Previous Dynasties and of Europe

17.00 | **Ralph Kauz** (University of Bonn)

Fiction, Painting and Reality: Paliuwan in Chinese Sources

18.30 | Dinner

Saturday, July 7 2018

Panel: **Theoretical Problems of the “Tribute System”**

Chair: **Liu Yingsheng** (Nanjing University)

09.00 | **Morris Rossabi** (Columbia University)

Yongle and the Tribute System: The Quintessential Emperor of Foreign Relations

09.30 | **Chia Ning** (Central College, Iowa)

Tribute System in the Qing Rise and Fall: From Tool of Empire-Building to Origin of Humiliation

10.00 | **Zsombor Rajkai** (Ritsumeikan University)

Tribute as a Diplomatic Strategy in Early Ming China

10.30 | Coffee Break

11.00 | **Csaba Olah** (International Christian University)

Legal vs. Illegal Trading Patterns within the Framework of the Ming Tributary System

11.30 | **He Xinhua** (Jinan University)

Political or Economic: An Institutional Survey to Various Forms of the Sino-Foreign Exchange of Goods under the Qing Tribute System

Panel: **The “Tribute System” and the Land-Based Silk Road**

Chair 1: **Boerzhijin Uyunbilig** (Renmin University of China)

12.00 | **Sally Church** (University of Cambridge)

Chen Cheng and Ming-Timurid Tribute Exchanges, 1413–1420

12.30 | **Liu Yingsheng** (Nanjing University)

The Tribute System and Dependent States of the Mongol-Yuan Dynasty

13.00 | Lunch

14.00 | **Liu Zhengyin** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)

The Legacy of the Yuan Dynasty and the Tributary System of the Ming and Qing Dynasties

14.30 | **Graeme Ford** (Macquarie University)

The Persian Exemplary Letters in the late Ming Huayiyiyu Dictionary

15.00 | **Chen Zhu** (Renmin University of China)

The Relations between the Ladakh Kingdom and the Qing Dynasty during the Reign of Kangxi and Yongzheng Emperors

15.30 | Coffee Break

Chair 2: **Morris Rossabi** (Columbia University)

16.00 | **Britta Gruber** (University of Bonn)

Mongolian Tribute to the Manchu Ruler in 1632

16.30 | **Bakhyt Ezhenghan-uli** (L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)

The Qing Court's Conceptualization of the “Kazakh Tribute”

17:00 | **Marian Kasprowski** (University of Bonn)

Tribute Audience at the Qing-Court – A Performance of Rule by Consensus?

17:30 | Final Discussion

19:00 | Dinner