

# Workshop on Chinese religiosities

Chair: Peter van der Veer



11-12 May 2012

Library Hall, Hermann-Föge-Weg 11

*\*\*20 minutes for each presentation; 60 minutes for each group discussion*

Friday May 11th

## 10:00 – 12:00 Panel #1 Civil Society, Religion, and Ethnic Minorities

- **Peter van der Veer**, MPI MMG, Göttingen  
“Keeping the Muslims Out: Concepts of Civilization, Civility, and Civil Society in India, China, and Western Europe”
- **Dan Smyer Yu**, MPI MMG, Göttingen  
“Placiality of the ‘Old Habit’: Subalternity of Urban Tibetans in China”
- **Wu Da**, the Centre for Ethnic Studies, Shanghai University  
“Transformation of Religion in Southwest China: A case study on Ersu people in Sichuan Province”

11:00 – 12:00 Discussion

## 14:00 – 16:00 Panel #2 Popular Religion, Neo-Confucianism, and Transnational Networks

- **Kenneth Dean**, Department of East Asian Studies, McGill University  
“Chinese Temple Networks in Southeast Asia”
- **Zheng Zhenman**, The Center for the Study of Popular Historical Documents, Xiamen University  
“Methodological approaches to the study of Chinese popular religion”
- **Guoxiang Peng**, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Peking University  
“Death as the Ultimate Concern in the Neo-Confucian Tradition: Wang Yangming’s Followers as an Example”

15:00 – 16:00 Discussion

Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>

## 10:00 – 12:00 Panel #3 Buddhism and Christianity in Urban China

- **Gareth Fisher**, MPI MMG, Göttingen  
“Heaven is Crying Because America is Bombing Iraq”: Yinguo as Morality of Exchange among Lay Buddhists in Contemporary Beijing”
- **Weishan Huang**, MPI MMG, Göttingen  
“The Bodhisattva Comes Out of the Closet: The spatial practices of Tzu Chi in China”
- **Sin Wen Lau**, MPI MMG, Göttingen  
“Shifting around the House of the Lord: Structuring Time and Space in Shanghai”

11:00 – 12:00 Discussion