

**Conference at
Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften
Bad Homburg**

20. – 22. 2. 2019

Issues in the Comparison of the Histories of Chinese and European Economic Thought from Antiquity to the Present. Private Money, State Money and Attitudes towards Interest-taking; Stabilisation Policies; Private and Public Social Support

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Program

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Wednesday 20.2. 2019

13.15 Opening Remarks

13.30-14.50

Terry Peach (Manchester, Shanghai)

Problems with money: a comparison of ancient Chinese and Greek thought

Jiang Hong (Frankfurt am Main)

Path dependence from Antiquity to the Present: How the 'Chinese Imperial Model' affected the measures against inflation and economic recessions

Coffee

15.15-16.35

Monika Poettinger (Milan)

The Medici Pope, Jacob Fugger and the new catholic view on the economy: Johann Eck and the problem of usury

Hua Tengda (Frankfurt am Main)

Status of merchants in Western Han and Ming from the perspective of economic thoughts and policies

Coffee

17.00-18.20

Cosimo Perrotta (Lecce)

Attitudes towards poverty and the poor in medieval and early modern Europe

Zhang Yaguang (Beijing)

The social forces behind ancient Chinas disaster relief: Studies focussing on the Granary system

19.00 Keynote

R. Bin Wong (Los Angeles)

Chinese Political Economy in Historical Perspective—Changing Ways to “Benefit the People”

Thursday 21.2. 2019

9.30-10.50

Hans-Michael Trautwein (Oldenburg)

(Some) European models and transformations of the welfare state

Elisabeth Kaske (Leipzig)

Honor for Grain and the Imperial State: Justifying office-selling for famine relief during the Qing Dynasty

Coffee

11.15-12.35

André Lapidus (Paris)

Some landmarks on the prohibition of usury in Scholastic economic thought: what was at stake and how did it promote theoretical reasoning?

Kent Deng (London)

China's long-lasting physiocracy and its historical consequences

12.45 Lunch

14.00-15.20

Lilia Costabile (Naples)

After China, before Sweden and England: the circulation of paper money in Naples

Richard van den Berg (London)

Chinese whispers. A critical examination of Chinese influences on 18th century French economic thought

Coffee

15.50-17.10

Olga Borokh (Saint Petersburg and Moskow)

Rethinking of traditional attitudes towards consumption in the process of formation of Chinese economics (late Qing and Republican period)

Debin Ma (London)

Understanding economic change or lack thereof in 19-20th century China.

19.30 Conference Dinner

Friday 22.2. 2019

9.15-10.35

Volker Caspari (Darmstadt)

Interest on money, own rates of interest, natural interest rate and rate of profit: a short history of concepts, ultimately emerging from the usury debates

Iwo Amelung (Frankfurt am Main)

The costs of security: Financing Yellow River hydraulics during the late Imperial Period.

Coffee

11.00-12.20

Bertram Schefold (Frankfurt am Main)

From Kaspar Klock's "De Aerario" (1651) to Florencourt's "Abhandlungen aus der juristischen und der politischen Rechenkunst" (1781): How calculus led from the logic of a device for circumventing the prohibition of usury to a modern theory of depreciation

Chen Zhiwu (Hong Kong)

Robbery, social order and interest rates in modern China

12.30 Lunch

14.00 -15.20

Isabella Weber (London)

A comparative exploration of Chinese and European theories of value and price

Long Denggao (Beijing)

The Chinese land-transaction system prior to 1949.

Coffee

15.45-16.30

Concluding discussion