

## On the Exchange of Beliefs and Practices between Esoteric Buddhism and Daoism in Medieval China

It has become increasingly acknowledged by the scholarly community that Chinese Buddhism and Daoism developed as separate yet closely related traditions in medieval and early pre-modern China through a prolonged interaction spanning many centuries. This inter-relationship contributed much to the formation and further developments of both religions and impacted their respective belief systems and practices in a number of significant ways. It goes without saying that simplistic notions such as 'sinification,' used to explain the impact of Chinese culture on incoming Buddhism or that of a 'Buddhist transformation of China' fall short of elucidating the issues at stake in this inter-religious transformation, which we for want of a better term shall refer to as 'Buddho-Daoism.' This workshop will address a number of issues relating to this development, including doctrinal concepts, ritual practices, religious icons, pantheons, literature etc. As such it features elements of both religious systems, not only in dialogue, but also manifesting simultaneously in the same material. The Buddho-Daoist exchange will be further highlighted through two presentations on developments outside China proper.

### Thursday, 21 June 2012

10:00	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Henrik H. Sørensen (Copenhagen)
10:20	<b>Methodological and Conceptual Considerations Relating to Buddho-Daoism</b> Jörg Plassen (Bochum)
11:20	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:30	<b>Meeting in the Religion of 'Personal Welfare': Manticism between Medieval Daoism and Buddhism</b> Licia Di Giacinto (Bochum)
12:15	<b>Some Examples of Buddho-Daoist Interaction in Early Medieval China Based on Epigraphical Sources</b> Frederike Assandri (Heidelberg)
13:00	<b>Lunch</b>

14:15	<b>Buddho-Daoist Cliff Sculptures in Sichuan during the Reign of Emperor Tang Xuanzong 玄宗 ⑧. 712-756</b> Christine Mollier (Paris)
15:00	<b>Buddhist Sūtra Pillars and Daoist Scriptures</b> Kuo Liying (Paris)
15:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:15	<b>Daoist Book Cult, Buddhist Book Cult - or the General Problem of Temporal Precedence and Adoption</b> Stephan Peter Bumbacher (Basel)
18:00	<b>Dinner</b>

### Friday, 22 June 2012

10:15	<b>Buddhist Traces in Song Daoism: The Case of Leifa Daoism</b> Carmen Meinert (Bochum)
11:00	<b>From Yin-Yang Cosmology to Astral Deities: 'Daoism' in the Ritual Practices of Medieval Japanese Buddhism</b> Lucia Dolce (London)
11:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12:00	<b>Amulets and Talismans from Late Modern Korea and Their Relation to Buddho-Daoist Interaction</b> Andreas Müller-Lee (Bochum)
13:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00	<b>Buddho-Daoism in Medieval and Early Pre-Modern China: Report of a Year's Research</b> Henrik H. Sørensen (Copenhagen)
14:45	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

## DIRECTIONS

### Public Transportation:

Take the U35 towards Bochum Querenburg (Hustadt) from Bochum Hauptbahnhof (Central Station) and get off at the stop »Ruhr-Universität«. From there you turn right and cross the pedestrian bridge keeping left while you pass the university library. The FNO building is on your left-hand side.

### By Car:

The quickest route is via the motorway junction Bochum/Witten, where the A43 and A44 meet. Simply take the exit Bochum-Querenburg, follow the signs "Ruhr-Universität" and then the (electronic) information boards.



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Buddho-Daoist Talisman ("Tongguang Fu 通光符"). Tang dynasty (P. 4824).  
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