Ideas, Networks, Places: Rethinking Chinese History of the Middle Period
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Introduction

TUESDAY July 7 2009

Wilt Idema: Recollections of a Brash Young Sinologist (in Dutch)

**Panel 1: Defining the Shi in Imperial China**
Chair: Hilde De Weerdt

1. Andrew Meyer: (slides) Shi Identity in the Warring States

2. Anthony DeBlasi: (slides) Who was a Ru? The Evolution of a Tang Era Intellectual Category

3. TJ Hinrichs: (paper) Medical Learning, Literati Culture, and the Contested Role of the Physician in the Song (960-1279)

4. Natasha Heller: (paper) Song Lian's Second Act: Representing the Buddhist Layman in Late Imperial China

**Panel 2: Shi Uses of History**
Chair: Anthony DeBlasi

5. Jaeyoon Song: (slides) History as Statecraft: Lü Zhong's Critique of the New Policies (1068-1120s)

7. Anne Gerritsen: (paper) Jizhou as Kiln Town: Writing the History of a Forgotten Past (slides: 7a)


Panel 3: Shi and Culture
Chair: Peter Ditmanson

9. Curie Virag: (paper) Placing Ideas: Memory and Forgetting in Tang and Song Theories of Learning, Writing and Art (slides: 9a)

10. Douglas Skonicki: (paper) Lineage Construction in Northern Song Ancient-style Learning (slides: 10a)

11. Lee Junghwan: (slides) Transcendence in Ordinariness: Zhu Xi’s Reinterpretation of the Zhongyong

WEDNESDAY, July 8 2009

Panel 4: Shi and the Local
Chair: Anne Gerritsen

12. Lee Sukhee: Elites, Locality, and the State in Southern Song Mingzhou

13. Jeff Moser: Recasting Antiquity and the Authority of Local Idiom: Archaeological Evidence of Twelfth to Fifteenth Century Ritual Practice in the Chengdu Basin

14. Chen Song: Relating the Local to the National: From Transformation to Participation

15. Peter Ditmanson: The Local and the Imperial in the Thought of Fang Xiaoru
Panel 5: Shi and the Empire  
Chair: Andrew Meyer

16. Ong Chang Woei: (paper) Different Views on the Political Geography of the Empire as Reflected in the Debates between Wang Anshi and Sima Guang over Military Affairs (slides: 16a)

17. Min Byounghee: Learning to be a sage? Learning to be a ruler?: The problematics of Neo-Confucian "di wang zhi xue"

18. Peter Ditmanson: The Local and the Imperial in the Thought of Fang Xiaoru

19. Alexander Akin: Cartography in Zhang Huang's Tushu bian

Panel 6: Shi and Politics  
Chair: Rob Foster


21. Hilde De Weerdt: Reading Politics in Imperial China: Towards a Multi-Dimensional Analysis of Notebooks


23. Kim Youngmin: (slides) Moral Psychology as Political Psychology

Extra: (Unable to attend)

0. Stephen Shang-Tseh Chou: Celebration as Negation: The Paradigm of Antiquity

24. Luo Yinan: Writing History for Xue