International Workshop
“A Powerful Term: Ling 灵 – Between ‘Efficacy’ and ‘Spirituality’”

Freie Universität Berlin, Department of East Asian Studies, Sinology, 3-6 October 2019

Conference venue: Fabeckstr. 23-25 (new building, so-called“Holzlaube”), Room: 2.2051 (2nd floor, elevator or stairs)

Tentative Conference Schedule

Thursday, 3 October
7:00 p.m. Arrival at Hotel Seminaris, Berlin-Dahlem
7:00 p.m. Dinner (Restaurant Piaggio; Königin-Luise- Str. 44)

Friday, 4 October
9:00-9:45 a.m. Welcome / Introduction (Christian Meyer)
9.45-11.15 a.m. Session 1: Ancient Uses from Shamanism to Confucian contexts of mourning the deceased soul (Chair: Barend ter Haar, Hamburg)
    - Joachim Gentz (Univ. of Edinburgh): “How ling is ling? Ling 灵 as an exanimate classifier relating to a conceptual religious realm”

(Short) coffee break 11.15-11.30

11.30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Session 2: Premodern Daoist, Buddhist and Confucian usages and Literature (Chair: Yang Zhiyi, Frankfurt/Berlin)
    - Friederike Assandri (Universität Leipzig): “Ling in Early Medieval Daoism”
    - Vincent Goossaert (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris): “Ling as divine presence in Daoist narrative and ritual”

1:00-2:15 p.m. Lunch break
2:15-5:00 p.m. Session 2 (cont.): Premodern (and modern) Daoist and Buddhist and Confucian usages and Literature (Chair: Henning Klöter, HU Berlin)
    - Esther-Maria Guggenmos (Univ. of Erlangen-Nuremberg): „The Buddhist genius envisions his karmic duties - ling-related concepts in Early Medieval Buddhism”
    - Philip Clart (University of Leipzig): “Ling in the Premodern Genre of Lingyanji 靈驗記 (miracle tales) literature“

Coffee break 3:45-4:15 p.m.

- Cheng Chung-yi (Chinese University of Hong Kong): “On the concept ling (靈) in the Confucian heart/mind school: from Wang Yangming (1472-1529) to Tang Junyi (1909-
1978)

5:00-6:00 p.m.  Intermediate Discussion

6:30 p.m.  Conference Dinner (Restaurant “Alter Krug”, Königin-Luise Str. 52)

Saturday, 5 October

9:15-1:15 a.m.  Session 3: New usages in modern times in Japan and China: Christian translations, national debates and new concepts of the soul and spirituality (Chair: Hubert Seiwert, Leipzig)

- Chen Yanrong (Ricci Institute, University of San Francisco): “What is ‘ling’ in Chinese Christian Texts”

- Chu Ping-yi (Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica): “Rational Spirit vs. Spiritual Efficacy: The Confrontation between the concept of Christian Soul (靈魂) and Chinese ling (靈)”

    Coffee break 10:45-11:15 a.m.

- Matthias Zachmann (FU Berlin): “Taishō Spirituality: Why Western Spiritualism became Popular and what this Says about the Spiritual Ecology of 1920s Japan”

- Hans Martin Krämer (University of Heidelberg): “Between ‘Soul’ and ‘Spiritualism’: Strategic Uses of rei 靈 in Modern Japanese Buddhism”

12:45-2:00 p.m.  Lunch break

2:00-6:15 p.m.  Session 3 continued (Chair: André Laliberte Ottawa/Leipzig):

- Stefania Travagnin (University of Groningen): “Ling in Buddhist Discourses in the Republican Period”

- Eugenia Werzner (FU Berlin, Sinology): “Ghost, Spirit or Soul? Ling in the Late Qing and Early Republican Discourse on “Primitive Religion” (yuanshi zongjiao)”

    Coffee break 3:30-4:00 p.m.

- Dr. Matthias Schumann (Univ. of Erlangen-Nuremberg): “The Powers of the Psyche: Hypnotism, Psychical Research, and the Secularization of ling 靈 in Republican China”

- Dr. Nikolas Broy (Univ. of Leipzig): “‘This Numinous Light’: Concepts of the Spiritual in Late Imperial and Contemporary Chinese Popular Sects”

- Melissa Wei-Tsing Inouye (University of Auckland): “The Use of ling in the Early Charismatic Chinese Movement” (by Skype)
6:15-6.30 p.m.  Intermediate Discussion

7:00 p.m.  Conference Dinner (Restaurant “Miss Wu”, Königin-Luise Str. 71)

Sunday, 6 October

9:15-11:45 a.m.  Session 4: Contemporary uses in special and everyday language discourses in Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong (and overseas) (Chair: Carsten Krause, Hamburg)
- Adam Yuet Chau (Univ. of Cambridge): „Storied Spirits: Constructing Efficacy (Lingying 靈應) and the Strange (Lingyi 靈異) Through Telling Tales”
- Tam Wai Lun (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) “Ritual Efficacy’ as seen from Fieldwork in Rural South China”
  
  Coffee break: 10:45-11:00 a.m.

- Huang Weishan (Chinese University of Hong Kong): “Ling in Modern Buddhist Usage”

11:45-1:00 p.m.  Concluding discussion

1:00-2:00 p.m.  Lunch
2:00 p.m.  End of conference/departure

Self-organized sightseeing (Berlin city center or Potsdam)