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Perspectives on the Liao

Bard Graduate Center
and

The Council on East Asian Studies at Yale University

September 30–October 2, 2010

Thursday Yale University

Henry R. Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven

5:00 pm Keynote Address

Tala

Director, Inner Mongolia Museum, Hohhot

Friday Yale University

Henry R. Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven

9:00 am Understanding the Kitan Language

Daniel Kane, Chair

Professor of Chinese, Macquarie University

The Name of the Kitan State in Kitan

Andrew Shimunek

Ph.D. Candidate, Indiana University

Kitan and its Genetic Affiliation to Mongolic:

Evidence of a Mongol-Serbi Language Family

Wayne Wei-yu Tan

Ph.D. Candidate, Harvard University

Fill in the Blanks—Sources and Methods in Kitan

Script Decipherment

Yasunori Takeuchi

Ph.D. Candidate, Kyoto University

Kitan Phonology and the Assignment of Phonetic Values

to Kitan Graphemes

10:45 am Break

11:10 am Kitan Nomads and Sedentary Culture

Nicola Di Cosmo, Chair

Luce Foundation Professor in East Asian Studies,

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

Naomi Standen

Senior Lecturer in Chinese History, University of Newcastle
and

Gwen Bennett

Assistant Professor in Anthropology and East Asian Studies

McGill University

Tearing Down the Great Wall:

The Evidence from Post-Han Black Wares

Lin Hu

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History, Qinghua University

Rethinking the Liao Cities:

Archaeological and Textual Perspectives

12:10 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Kitan Elite Society

Nicola Di Cosmo, Chair

Luce Foundation Professor in East Asian Studies

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

Linda Cooke Johnson
Professor Emerita of Chinese History, Michigan State University
Kitan Women in Liao Society

Pamela Kyle Crossley
Robert 1932 and Barbara Black Professor of History,
Dartmouth College
Outside In: Power, Identity, and the Han Lineage of Jizhou

2:30 pm Break

2:50 pm Buddhist Patronage

Robert Gimello, Chair
Professor of Theology and of East Asian Languages & Cultures,
University of Notre Dame

Lothar Ledderose
Professor Emeritus of Art History, University of Heidelberg
*Make Sutras, Not War: The Stele of 965/1005 AD at Cloud
Dwelling Monastery*

Hsueh-man Shen
Assistant Professor of Art History, Institute of Fine Arts,
New York University
*One Thing Contains All, and All Things Contain One:
Huayan Buddhism and the Liao Pagodas*

Kirill Solonin
Associate Professor of Chinese and Buddhist Studies
Saint-Petersburg State University
Associate Professor of Buddhist Studies, Foguang University
Kitan Influences and the Formation of the Tangut Buddhism

4:00 pm Discussion

4:30 pm Bus to New York (speakers only)

Saturday Bard Graduate Center

38 West 86th Street, New York

9:00 am Keynote Address

Wu Hung
Harrie A. Vanderstappen Distinguished Service Professor
of Art History, University of Chicago

10:10 am Kitan Dynastic Material Culture

Li Qingquan, Chair
Professor, Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts
Valerie Hansen, Chair
Professor of History, Yale University

Dong Xinlin
Associate Professor, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Excavating Liao Zuling: New Discoveries

François Louis
Associate Professor, Bard Graduate Center
Iconic Ancestors: Re-Contextualizing Kitan Elite Burials

- 11:00 am **Break**
- 11:20 am **Chia Ning**
Professor of History, Central College, Iowa
The Seal Culture in the Liao Dynasty
- Xin Chen**
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Oxford
The Paradise of Buddha: A Case Study of Miniature Buildings in the Liao Period
- Nancy Steinhardt**
Professor of East Asian Art, University of Pennsylvania
Eminent and Not-Quite-Such Eminent Liao Architecture
- 12:30 pm **Lunch**
- 2:00 pm **Liao Buddhism, Korea, and Japan**
- Mimi Yiengpruksawan, Chair**
Professor of Art History, Yale University
- Youn-mi Kim**
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Yale University
The Missing Link: Tracing the Liao in Heian Japanese Shingon Ritual
- Brian Vivier**
Coordinator of Public Services in the Asia Library,
University of Michigan
Liao Integration in the Religious Networks of Eleventh-Century Northeast Asia
- Youngsook Pak**
Professor Emerita of Art History, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
Koryō and Liao Relations in the 10th–11th Century—Impact on Buddhist Culture
- 3:30 pm **Break**
- 3:50 pm **Kitan Trade and Diplomacy**
- Michal Biran, Chair**
Associate Professor, Department of East Asian Studies and Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies,
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Anya King**
Assistant Professor of History, University of Southern Indiana
Early Arabic and Persian Sources on the Kitan Liao: The Role of Trade
- Valerie Hansen**
Professor of History, Yale University
International Gifting and the Kitan World, 907–1125
- 4:40 pm **Discussion**
- 5:30 pm **Reception**