

# Tangut Astrology: Visuality, Materiality, Transculturalism

Organizers: Professor Michelle McCoy (University of Pittsburgh, and Visiting Scholar at MPIWG, Summer 2019), and Dagmar Schäfer (Director of Dept. III, MPIWG)

## MONDAY, 17 JUNE

10:00–10:15      Opening remarks  
**Dagmar Schäfer**  
(MPIWG)

### SESSION 1

Moderator      Zhao Lu  
(New York University–Shanghai)

10:15–10:45      Methods and Historiography for the Study  
of Astral Visual Culture  
**Michelle McCoy**  
(University of Pittsburgh, MPIWG)

10:45–11:15      Xixia Contributions to Astrology as  
Reflected by Visual Materials  
**Liao Yang (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)**

11:15–12:00      **DISCUSSION**

12:00–13:00      **LUNCH (FOR SPEAKERS ONLY)**  
**EINSTEIN-LOUNGE**

### SESSION 2

Moderator      Michelle McCoy  
(University of Pittsburgh, MPIWG)

13:00–13:30      Toward a Trans-regional History of  
Divination: Maheśvara's Divination from  
Dunhuang in the 10th Century  
**Zhao Lu (NYU Shanghai)**

13:30–14:00      Astrological Iconography in East Asia and  
Tangut Xixia  
**Jeffrey Kotyk (McMaster University)**

14:00–14:30      Visualizations of the Heavens: Introduction  
to a Multidisciplinary Research Project  
**Sonja Brentjes (MPIWG)**

14:30–              **DISCUSSION & WRAP UP**

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