

Local Gazetteers (*difangzhi* 地方志) have long been important sources for studying China's local history providing information on landscape, flora and fauna, local products, temples and schools, officials and celebrities, local culture and customs, and much more. The Local Gazetteers Project at MPIWG provides a set of digital tools that help historians to open up this rich for new forms of digital large scaled analysis and comparative studies.

In this workshop nine scholars inquire into the historical reception and construction of local materiality asking questions from the viewpoint of science, technology, medicine, and environmental history, focusing on topics of sericulture, wood and forestry, watery landscape, diseases, materia medica, and religious sites. Working on their individual research projects, they will probe the digital tools provided at MPIWG to collect and analyze data across the local gazetteers. The tools include a data extraction interface, a GIS mapping service to visualize data on historical maps, and a scholarly enhanced data repository to share and integrate individually collected data.

Organizers

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Venue

Room 265 (Department III Conference Room)
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Web Presence

<http://www.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/en/content/chinese-local-gazetteers>

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Chinese Local Gazetteers (*difangzhi*)

Research Workshop 01.08-19.08.2016



地方志

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Week One (01-05 Aug 2016)

Monday

(open to the public, registration please see event page)

10:00-11:30 Welcome and Introduction

Welcome By Dagmar Schäfer
A Glimpse to the Tools By Shih-Pei Chen

11:30-12:30 *Sericulture, Silk and Expert Languages: Large Corpora and Changes Over Time*
By Li Fuqiang & Dagmar Schäfer

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-13:45 *History of wood rights and forestry in South China in the Ming and Qing periods*
By Ian M. Miller

13:45-14:00 *Tracing the sources of nan wood for imperial construction in the Yongle reign*
By Aurelia Campbel

14:00-14:15 *Miasmatic disease in late imperial China*
By Kathlene Balanza

14:15-14:30 *Expelling Locusts: Statecraft and Environmental Governance in Late Imperial China*
By Desmong Cheung

14:30-14:45 *From Travelogues and Local Gazetteers: Chinese Literati Knowledge on the Natural History of Manchuria and Mongolia in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*
By Huiyi Wu

14:45-15:00 *Contesting Landscape in Periphery: Society and Environment of Pre-Modern Southwest China*
By Fei Huang

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-15:45 *Database of Chinese Buddhist Reconstruction, 1866-1966*
By Gregory Adam Scott

15:45-16:00 *Buddhist data index in local gazetteers*
By Hongsu Wang

16:00-16:15 *Materia Medica as Local Product in Ming-Qing Gazetteers*
By He Bian

16:15-17:00 Wrap-up and Q&A
By Shih-Pei Chen

Tuesday

10:00-12:30 Hands-on workshop: Introduction to the LG digital tools (LGService), TOC editor, full-text search, visualization and mapping
(Coffee break in-between)

Afternoon: Free meeting and try out things that have learned

Wednesday

10:00-12:30 Hands-on workshop: Data extraction, mapping, and publication
(Coffee break in-between)

Afternoon: Free meeting and try out things that have learned

Thursday

10:00-12:30 Hands-on workshop: Data extraction, mapping, and publication
(Coffee break in-between)

Afternoon: Free meeting and try out things that have learned

Week Two (08-12 Aug 2016)

Monday

10:00-12:30 Group meeting
(Coffee break in-between)

14:30-17:00 Guided tour at the Berlin State Library

Tuesday-Friday

10:00-16:00 Drop-in Q&A sessions with Shih-Pei Chen and Zoe Hong
(Coffee break inbetween)

Week Three (15-19 Aug 2016)

Monday-Thursday

10:00-16:00 Drop-in Q&A sessions
(Coffee break inbetween)

Friday

(open to the public, registration please see event page)

10:00-17:00 Final Presentation (see event page for program)
(Coffee break in-between)

19:00 Joint Dinner