



## Workshop: “Priests, Exorcists and Mediums in the Religions of China and India”

17th to 19th March 2026

*Institut für Asien- u. Afrikawissenschaften, Invalidenstr. 118, room 315*

**Tuesday, 17.3.2026**

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| 10:00 – 10:30 | Opening  |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | <i>Sneha Ganguly</i> : “Representing the ‘Others’: Of ‘Magical Practices’ and Knowledge Traditions in the Atharvaveda”                   |
| 11:15 – 12:00 | <i>Vitus Angermeier</i> : “Remedies that Rely on Metaphysics: The Category of <i>daivavyapāśraya</i> in Early Āyurveda”                  |
| 13:00 – 13:45 | <i>Vincent Goossaert</i> : “Intersubjective Relations with Gods: Questions to the Indian field from China”                               |
| 13:45 – 14:30 | <i>Bill Man Piu Mak</i> : “Astral Hemerology in the Gārgīya-jyotiṣa – Transmission and Transformation in Vedic India and Medieval China” |
| 15:00 – 15:45 | <i>Ryosuke Furui</i> : “What Do They Actually Do? Brahmins of Early Medieval Bengal and Their Diverse Activities”                        |
| 15:45 – 16:30 | <i>Volker Olles</i> : “Life and Work of Daoist Non-Monastic Priests in Sichuan (Southwest China)”  |

**Wednesday, 18.3.2026**

- 10:30 – 11:15 *Yves Menheere*: “Descending in the Underworld to Distribute Money: Mediumistic Visits in a Daoist Tradition”
- 11:15 – 12:00 *Florian C. Reiter*: “Daoist Priests and Spirit-Mediums in Daoist Canonical Sources and Their Ways of Collaboration”
- 13:00 – 13:45 *Jae-Eun Shin*: “Migrant Brahmins and the Goddess Cult in Peripheral India”
- 13:45 – 14:30 *Mareike Wulff*: “The *neyjoma* and *pao* of the Lhop Community in Bhutan”
- 15:00 – 15:45 *Jacopo Scarin*: “World-Building Rituals: Literati Engaging in Meaning Production in Late Imperial China”
- 15:45 – 16:30 *Tam Wai-lun*: „The Azhali Tradition in Northwest Yunnan: Ritual Practice, Historical Origins, Scholarly Debates”

**Thursday, 19.3.2026**

- 09:45 – 10:30 *Marek Buchmann*: “The Miraculous Healing Powers of a Bodhisattva”
- 10:30 – 11:15 *Antonello Palumbo*: “Relics and Ritual Magic from Northwest India to China in the Early Centuries of the Common Era”
- 11:15 – 12:00 *Annette Schmiedchen*: “Gifts on Inauspicious Occasions: Warding off Potential Dangers through Religious Grants”
- 13:00 – 13:45 *Corinna Wessels-Mevissen*: “Guided by the Invisible: Why the Motif of a Horizontally Held Staff May Point to Possessed Mediumship, in the Indian Arts of the Gupta to the Developed Mediaeval Periods”
- 13:45 – 14:15 Concluding Session

**For registration, please send a message to [dharm-iaaw@hu-berlin.de](mailto:dharm-iaaw@hu-berlin.de).**