International Conference
July 7-9, 2022

**Biographies of Numbers**

Venue: Hartmannstr. 14, D1, 91052 Erlangen

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**Thursday, July 7 Afternoon**

- 14.00 Welcome & Introduction
- 14.45 Breakout Rooms
- 16.30-17.15 Coffee Break
- 17.15-18.30 Keynote & Discussion

**Stefanie Gänger** (Universität Heidelberg): 37°C. Fever in the Modern World
- 19.00 Dinner

**Friday, July 8 Morning**

- 9.30-13.00 Panel 1: Bodies and Vital Functions (Chair: Marc Matten)
  
  
  **Creighton, Millie** (University of British Columbia): Numbering Vital Statistics: Differential Numbers Underlying Human Existence in Pregnancy, Birth, Age, Life, and Death
  
  - 11.00-11.30 Coffee Break
  
  **Bréard, Andrea** (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg): The Rise and Fall of the “Coefficient of Racial Likeness” – Discriminatory Numbers, the Global and Personal History of Statistical Method
  
  **Schillinger, Nicolas** (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg): Quantifying Chineseness – The “Biochemical Race Index” and Blood Group Research in Republican China
  
  - 13.00-14.30 Lunch Break
Friday, July 8 Afternoon

• **14.30-16.45 Panel 2: Size Matters** (Chair: Chang Yung-Yung)
  
  **Liu, Ziang** (LSE, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg): Governing by Targets: Tax Distribution, Centralised Minimalism, and State Capacity in 18th century China
  
  **Roctus, Jasper** (Ghent University): Sun Yat-sen, Thomas Malthus, and the Fear of Demographic Stagnation in Early 20th Century China
  
  **Hobich-Sabiegalla, Sabrina** (Freie Universität Berlin): Big Data and Quantified Communication in China’s Poverty Alleviation Campaign
  
  • **19.00 Dinner**

Saturday, July 9 Morning

• **9.00-11.45 Panel 3: Minority Reports** (Chair: Stefan Christ)
  
  **Li, Gang** (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg): Muslim Population Number in China during late Qing and the Republican periods.
  
  **Chelegeer, Alex** (University of Leeds): The Biography of Number 56
  
  • **10.30-11.00 Coffee Break**
  
  **Nocchi, Jacopo** (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg): Becoming the 1%: a History of Autism Spectrum Conditions in China
  
  • **11.45-12.15 Wrap-up**

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