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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**)

Kunze, Rui (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg): Prescribing Staple Food: Numbers in Cookbooks of Maoist China (1954-1960)

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*



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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

Habich-Sobiegalla, 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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