



# *l'Agenda de l'EFEO*

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## **Paris**

### **Colloquia, missions, and meetings**

Franciscus Verellen, Director, is visiting Russia to participate in the conference *Time and Space in Eurasia* (ECAI Congress of Cultural Atlases III, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, on May 30-June 1). During this visit he will spend June 2 visiting the Institute of Oriental Studies at the Russian Academy in St. Petersburg.

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Charlotte Schmid and Alain Arrault have been elected respectively academic staff representatives on the Academic Council of the EFEO (substitute Olivier de Bernon) and the Board of Administrators (substitute Bruno Bruguier). Both the Academic Council and the Board of Administrators will meet on Tuesday, June 26.

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June 20 and 21 Luca Gabbiani will take part in the colloquium *Peine de mort et suicide en Chine: passé, présent, comparaisons* [The death penalty and suicide in China: past, present, and comparisons], organized jointly by Mireille Delmas-Marty and Pierre-Etienne Will, at the Collège de France. He will present a paper titled "Parricide, folie et peine de mort sous les Qing (XVII<sup>e</sup> - XX<sup>e</sup> siècles)" [Patricide, madness, and the death penalty under the Ching (17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries)].

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## **Library**

From June 18 to 23 Antony Boussemart will be at Tenri University (Japan) to participate in a workshop on the conservation of ancient Japanese manuscripts. Twenty European and American librarians will be trained in methods of conservation for East Asian manuscripts.

Exchanges of publications: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies at Cornell University, Arizona State University, Eötvös Lorand University, Diète, Gakushuin University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Museums für Ostasiatische Kunst, Scuola Italiana di Studi sull'Asia Orientale, Institut Français de Pondichéry, the Nichibunken research center, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Istituto Italiano per l'Africa e l'Oriente.

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## **Publications**

David Palmer, *Qigong Fever: Body, Science and Utopia in China*, London: Hurst and New York: Columbia University Press, 2007.

*Faguo Hanxue, French sinology*, 11 (2006)

<http://www.efeo.fr/publications/fghx.shtml>

*Aséanie*, n° 18, 220 pp.

<http://www.efeo.fr/publications/aseanie.shtml>

### **EFEO-Paris Seminar**

The next EFEO-Paris Seminar will be held on Monday, June 25 (12:30–2 p.m.) at the Maison de l'Asie. Luca Gabbiani will talk on the topic “Folie et parricide en Chine à la fin de l'ère impériale (XVIII<sup>e</sup>–XX<sup>e</sup> siècles): pratique judiciaire et législation” [Madness and patricide in China at the end of the imperial era (13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries): judicial practices and legislation].

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### **Instruction at the Maison de l'Asie**

On Friday, June 15, Denis Gay (Fribourg University) will present a paper on “L'ethnicité des diasporas indiennes dans l'Ouest de l'océan Indien” [Ethnicity among the Indian diasporas in the western Indian Ocean], and on Wednesday, June 27, Dominique-Sila Khan (Institute of Rajasthan Studies, Jaipur) will present a paper on “Les gujarati de Cochin, Kerala” [Gujaratis in Cochin, Kerala] as part of the working group *Études gujarati, société, langue et culture* [Gujarati studies in society, language, and culture] under the direction of Pierre Lachaiër (6 to 8 p.m., second floor lecture hall).

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### **Maison de l'Asie**

Lecture by Kong Linghong (Professor of philosophy and director the Center for Taoist Studies at Zhejiang University) on the topic: “Zhu Xi et le taoïsme” [Zhu Xi and Taoism], on Tuesday, June 5, 2 to 4 p.m. (second floor lecture hall).

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### **Of Special Interest**

As part of the seminar on *Histoire du bouddhisme indien* [History of Indian Buddhism] directed by Cristina Scherrer-Schaub (EPHE, Religious Sciences division) the following lectures are of special interest:

- Vincent Eltschinger's lectures on “La philosophie religieuse des théoriciens bouddhistes de la connaissance, les maîtres indiens de Nalanda et Vikramashila (6<sup>e</sup> - 13<sup>e</sup> s.)” [The religious philosophy of Buddhist theoreticians on awareness, the Indian masters of Nalanda and Vikramashila (6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> centuries)], Sorbonne, on Mondays, June 4 and 18 (5 to 7 p.m., the Dumézil room), and Tuesdays, June 5 and 19 (9 to 11 a.m., the Mauss room).
- Déborah Klimburg-Salter's Friday, June 1, lecture in her series “L'art bouddhique tardif d'Afghanistan. Nouvelles directions de la recherche” [Late Buddhist art in Afghanistan: new directions for research]: “Patronage of the arts of the Hindu Kush (including Dokhar-i Noshirwan Nigar),” at 11 a.m., second floor lecture hall, Maison de l'Asie, 22 avenue du Président Wilson, Paris 16<sup>e</sup>.

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## **Life in the Centers**

### **Pondicherry**

François Grimal is going to Paris to participate, on June 19, in the jury for the habilitation thesis of Sylvain Brocquet, lecturer at the Université de Provence.

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### **Chiang Mai**

The Library of the Chiang Mai Center has received a gift for its photo library from Jean Lescop, long term resident of Chiang Mai. This gift comprises 72 color film negatives (36 images each), 580 slides, 580 large scale (25.5 by 20 cm.) prints on paper, and various smaller prints.

Louis Gabaude will give the opening address at the conference on *Royauté et bouddhisme à l'époque de Sukhothai* [Royalty and Buddhism in the Sukhothai period], at Chiang Mai University, June 3 and 4. His address is entitled "The Royal Support of Buddhism in the Sukhodaya Period."

From June 5 to 15 Louis Gabaude will be in Taipei, at the invitation of the National Palace Museum. He will take part in various debates and will give three lectures.

He will then take part in a round table on "Religious Insight: Text and Spiritual Practice," with a presentation on the textual criticism of Buddhadasa Bhikkhu, during the international conference on *Religion and Culture* being organized at Chiang Mai, from June 24 to 30, by the Institute for the Study of Religion and Culture (ISRC) at Payap University, of which he is a board member.

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### **Vientiane**

During June the team at the Vientiane Center will be carrying out on-site investigations of Lao and Môn historical remains in the western part of Vientiane province.

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### **Phnom Penh**

Beginning in mid-June, Bertrand Porte and his collaborators at the restoration workshop in the Phnom Penh museum will be visiting the museum of Cham sculpture in Da Nang to restore the pedestal from the main sanctuary at the Dong Duong site.

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### **Jakarta**

From June 3 to 10, Henri Chambert-Loir will be in Kuala Lumpur to attend an international conference on Malaysian literature. He will make a presentation on Alexander the Great in the Malay world.

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### **Taipei**

Fabienne Jagou will give a lecture entitled "Portraits of the Panchen Lamas" at the National Palace Museum on June 7.

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## Hong Kong

From June 10 to 15 David Palmer will be visiting Taiwan where he is organizing at Foguang University a working session of the research program on *Orthodoxies contestées: État chinois et mouvements religieux dans la Chine du 20<sup>e</sup> siècle* [Disputed orthodoxies: the Chinese state and religious movement in 20<sup>th</sup>-century China] with nine colleagues from Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, France, the United States, and Canada. This working session will be preceded by the colloquium *Religious Movements and Redemptive Societies in the 20th Century Chinese World*, being organized by the History Department of Foguang University with the collaboration of the EFEO and the participation of some 20 Taiwanese researchers.

The Hong Kong Center is organizing an international colloquium from June 28 to 30 on sociological approaches to the religious in the Chinese world. They are doing this in collaboration with the Religions, Societies, and Laity Group of the EPHE-CNRS and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Financial support is being given by the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, the Henry Luce Foundation, the EFEO, the EPHE, the CNRS, the CUHK, and the Center for French Studies on Contemporary China. Some thirty researchers from around the world—sociologists and sinologists—will take part in a colloquium entitled *Religion and Social Integration in Chinese Societies: Exploring Sociological Approaches to Religion in the Chinese World*. David Palmer will present a paper entitled “Rationalizing Re-enchantment: charisma, affiliation and organization in contemporary Chinese body cultivation movements.”

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## Tokyo

June 29: doctoral methodology seminar, co-organized by the Maison Franco-Japonaise and the EFEO (6 p.m., MFJ, Tokyo, room 601): Géraldine Oudin (EHESS): “Des logements sous les voies ferrées de Tokyo: difficultés du terrain et choix méthodologiques” [Housing under the railways of Tokyo: problems in terrain and methodological approaches].

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