NEW PERSPECTIVES IN CHINESE HISTORY:

The use of archives from the middle and lower course of the Yangzi River and related regions (16th century – 1949)

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This conference, which is inscribed within the same framework as previous meetings held in Cambridge and Paris, is designed as a workshop focusing on the presentation of the archives of the period ranging from the end of the Ming to the Republican period, or, in other words, from the end of the 16th century to 1949. Clearly, in view of the sheer number of archives, it would be impossible to address all of them. We have, therefore, decided to focus on a region that corresponds more or less to the middle and lower course of the Yangzi River, encompassing the current provinces of Jiangsu, Anhui, Zhejiang, Jiangxi, and Hunan, with the prerequisite of having numerous and varied documents that are easily accessible and concentrated in a single place. Over the last few decades, Chinese and Japanese historians have dedicated numerous studies on this material and published huge collections of local primary sources. The objective of this conference is to make European historians aware of the nature of these archives, the methodologies applied, the themes addressed, and the new perspectives offered. To fulfill this objective, a first step will be to raise awareness, in addition to confirmed researchers, of young researchers. For this reason, we offered travel grants for European students to attend this conference.

1st day, Wednesday October, 16th

IHA, 8, rue du Parc Royal, Paris 3e
9:15-9:45: Registration for recipients of the European travel subvention
9:45-10: Welcome
10 Welcome speech and Chairman: Hans Van Ess (President of Max Weber Stiftung)
10:15-12: ZHENG Zhenman 鄭振滿 (Professor, Institute of History, University of Xiamen), “The usefulness of primary archives: The archives of the mountainous regions of Fujian Province”
12-13:15 Lunch
15:15-15: Break
15:15-17: ZHANG Yi 章毅 (Associate Professor, Department of History of Jiaotong University, Shanghai), “The association of the cult of Dipankara and the Qing dynasty archives from the village of Shicang in the province of Zhejiang” 定光古佛寿诞会簿与清代浙南石仓文书.
17-17:15 Break
17:15-17:45 Discussion

2nd day, Thursday October 17th

EHESS, salle 7-37, 54, Bd Raspail, Paris 5e
9:15-9:30 Welcome
9:30-9:45 Welcome speech: Antonella Romano (vice présidente de l’EHESS, chargée des Relations internationales), Anne Kerlan (directrice du Centre d’études sur la Chine moderne et contemporaine)
Chairman: Xavier Paulès (EHESS)
9:45-10:15: Presentation of PhD Students
10:15-12: WANG Zhenzhong 王振忠 (Professor, Center for Historical Geographical Studies of Fudan University, Shanghai), “Account books in Huizhou. Study of a account book of a family of peasants from the district of Wuyuan in the early 20th century” 徽州排日賬總論. 晚清《龙源欧起明家家用账簿》抄本的整理与研究.
11:45-13:15 Lunch
13:14-15:45 Discussion

3rd day, Friday October 18th

EFE0, 22 av. du Président Wilson, Paris 16e
9:30-9:45 Welcome
9:45-10 Welcome speech: Christophe Marquet (directeur de l’EFE0)
Chairmen: Alain Arrault, Michela Bussotti, Guillaume Dutournier (EFE0)
10-11:45: SATO Yoshifumi 佐藤仁史 (Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University), “Oral Archives and Local Documents of Lower Yangzi Delta in Modern and Contemporary China” 田野中的近現代江南的社會：以口述歷史和地方文獻為例.
11:45-13:15 Lunch
13:15-15: LUI Wing Sing 吕永昇 (Lecturer, University General Education, Chinese University of Hong Kong), “The archives of the South Peak (province of Hunan), from the Republican period to the 1980s” 民國時期到80年代的湖南南嶽檔案.
15-15:15 Break
17-17:15 Break
17:15-18 Discussion