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PROGRAMME

September 20th
11.00 Campus Tour (Meeting in the Hotel Lobby)
12.30 Lunch
13.30 Greeting: Vice-President of Tsinghua-University (Beijing)
13.45 Welcome: Zhang Guogang (Beijing)
14.00 Introduction: Susan Richter (Heidelberg)

Panel 1: Comparison and Flows of Administrative Ideas between Europe and China
Chair: Guido Mühlemann (Zürich)
14.30 Elisabeth Kaske (Pittsburgh): Bureaucratic Efficiency and the Question of Office Selling in Late Qing China
15.15 Wang Shuo (Heidelberg/Freiburg): The Canton System. A Window, which didn’t want to open?
16.00 Coffee Break
16.30 Wu Liwei (Beijing): Discourses on Administrative Institutions in Europe and China during the Ming and Qing Period
17.15 Yang Nianqun (Beijing): "Ideas of Education" and "Scholar-Bureaucrats" in Local Administration of Qing Empire. A Case of the Implementation of an Edict from Emperor Qianlong through Local Officials
18.00 Wang Xianming (Beijing): Western Theory and Chinese Practice: A Study of the Experiment in Constitutional Government in the last Years of the Qing Dynasty

Joint Dinner

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Panel 2: Perceptions and Impacts in Europe
Chair: Elisabeth Kaske (Pittsburgh)
09.30 Walter Demel (München): Political Order, Administration and Jurisdiction in East Asia – European Views, 16th to 18th Centuries
10.15 Armin Kohnle (Leipzig): State and Administration as Perceived by European Protestant Missionaries in Asia during the Early Modern Period
11.00 Coffee Break
11.30 Stefan G. Jacobsen (Aarhus): Inoculating European Administration with "Esprit Chinois"
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Panel 3: Changing Practices in South Asia and Southeast Asia
Chair: Armin Kohnle (Leipzig)
14.30 Antje Flüchter (Heidelberg): Justice or Despotism? Shifting Perceptions of Judiciary in India between Archetype or Antipode
15.15 Gauri Parasher (Heidelberg): Dynamics of Governance. Administration of French Territories in India during the 18th Century
16.00 Coffee Break
16.30 Sebastian Meurer (Heidelberg): Administrative Reform by Principles. The “Cornwallis-System” of Colonial Rule in the British Imperial Context
17.15 Ahmad Kamal Ariffin Bin Mohd Rus (Kuala Lumpur): The Consolidation of the British Control in the Administration of the Federated Malay States, 1896-1909

20.00 Public Lecture by Jon S.T. Quah (Singapore): Meritocracy and Corruption Control in Singapore: Enhancing the Legacy of British Administrative Reforms (everyone is welcome, especially students)
Chair: Xu Zhangrun (Beijing)

September 22th
Panel 4: Governing the Military
Chair: Wang Hui (Beijing)
8.30 Isabelle Deffers (Freiburg): The Prussian Military Constitution Revisited. Transfer of Knowledge from Prussia to France in the Aftermath of the Seven Year’s War
09.15 Barend Noordam (Heidelberg): Sino-European Encounters. Mutual Perceptions of Military Capabilities in the Seventeenth Century
10.00 Nicolas Schillinger (Heidelberg): Micro-Technologies of Governance. Soldierly Bodies in China around 1900
10.45 Coffee Break
11.15 Zhang Guogang (Beijing): The Relationship between Hildebrandt and the Late Qing Government during the Construction of the "Jinan-Qingdao Railroad"
12.00 Comments and Final Discussion: Chaired by Walter Demel (München) and Susan Richter (Heidelberg)
12.30 Administration of the Qing Court: Guided Tour of the Forbidden City organized by Wang Shuo