

# Everyday life on the Silk Road



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Thursday–Friday

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The trade routes which are famous under the name “Silk Road” connected the sedentary cultural centres like China, India, Persia and the Mediterranean Sea areas from ancient times. Not only commodities and people moved on these routes, but also languages, religions, cultures, techniques and ideologies were carried from one place to others. Since the 2nd century B.C. different cultures had met, they influenced each other, changed and got further developments.

One of the important meeting points for languages, religions and cultures was the Turfan oasis which is now a part of the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region in North-West China. At the beginning of the 20th century four German expeditions found numerous texts in more than 20 languages and scripts and objects of art in this area and they are now preserved in the Berlin Turfan Collection.



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## Programme

Thursday, September 9th, 2021

- 09.15 Welcome  
**Tonio Sebastian Richter**  
Member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- 09.30 Old Uigur Administrative Orders and Taxation Practice in Turfan  
**Dai Matsui**  
Osaka University
- 10.00 Daily expenses in Kuchean monasteries: On the socio-economic document fragments discovered from the Kizil Grottoes  
**Ching Chao-jung**  
Collège de France
- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 11.00 Buddhas und Bodhisattvas, Himmel und Höllen, Kurtisanen und Adlige: Göttinger Wörterbücher des Altuigurischen  
**Jens Peter Laut**  
Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- 11.30 The Renaissance of Old Uyghur literary culture and administrative traditions in Central Eurasia after the Mongol period (14th–16th cc.)  
**Márton Vér**  
Göttingen University
- 12.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00 On Old Uyghur alms and donors  
**Peter Zieme**  
Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- 14.30 Wedding and funeral arrangements in Old Uyghur society as seen in the documents from the Silk Road  
**Abdurishid Yakup**  
Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- 15.00 The Role and Identity of Women According to the Old Uyghur Documents  
**Ayşe Kiliç Cengiz**  
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Friday, September 10th, 2021

- 09.00 Some Chinese rulers family instructions in Dunhuang collections  
**Irina F. Popova**  
Institute of Oriental Manuscripts Russian Academy of Sciences
- 09.30 Digital pathways toward the Nirvana-City – Building blocks of Tocharian and Khotanese architecture  
**Melanie Malzahn**  
University of Vienna
- 10.00 Demotic Tarim Brahmi  
**Hannes A. Fellner**  
University of Vienna
- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 11.00 Ceiling Murals and its Sanskrit Inscriptions of Bezeklik Cave No. 16  
**Evgenij Kiy**  
State Hermitage Museum St Petersburg
- 11.30 A Sogdian ‚Irk Bitig‘  
**Nicholas Sims-Williams**  
Member of the British Academy
- 12.00 Lunch Break
- 14.30 Bactrian Kings in Sogdiana: Mugh Documents V-8, Nov.1 and Nov.6  
**Alisher Begmatov**  
Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- 15.00 Discussion