Historically, emigrants from China exceed immigrants to China by a large margin. However, immigrants to China often played a crucial role in Chinese history and China was sometimes even a safe haven for them, as for adherents of Nestorianism, Zoroastrism and Manichaeism in the Tang dynasty. Arabic and Persian merchants and nobility settled, for example, in China during this period Tang dynasty, or the Utsul people 🗉 辉人 came from Vietnam to Hainan Island during the Ming dynasty, or, more recently, African immigrants can be found in Guangdong province. Emigrants out of China have been, for instance, Turkic groups, who moved to Central Asia, or Dai, Miao-Yao and Chinese Min groups, who resettled in Southeast Asia. In addition, China experienced internal migration on a massive scale during the Qing dynasty and also in the wake of Deng Xiaoping's economic reforms in the 1980s.

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PROGRAMME

Friday, 7 July 2023

14:00-15:00 Welcome, Greetings Opening Speech Liu Yingsheng 刘迎胜 (Zhejiang University/University of Bonn) On the Problems of the Origin, Formation and Cultural Development of Chinese Speaking Muslims (Huihui 回回)

15:00-15:30

Photo and Coffee break

15:30-17:00 Ralph Kauz (University of Bonn) Traces of Iranians and Persian Language in the Ming and Qing Dynasties

Ishayahu Landa (University of Bonn) Migrations in Mongol Eurasia: China in the Transcontinental Perspective

Lu Xingyu 陆星宇 (University of Bonn) 明代宁夏归附军的兴衰 The Rise and Fall of Ningxia's Submitted Army during the Ming Dynasty

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Saturday, 8 July 2023

9:30-10:30 Keynote speech Matthias Gerner (Shanghai Jiaotong University / University of Bonn) Tai-Kadai and Miao-Yao Migration

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12:30 Roderich Ptak (LMU München) The Penghu Archipelago in Medieval and Early Modern Times: Island Studies, Viewpoints, Migration, and Counterfactual Concerns

Stefan Georg (University of Bonn) Comparative (Altaic) Linguistics and Ancient Migrations: Who Were the Proto-Bulghars?

Hua Tao 华涛 (Nanjing University) Umari's New Knowledge of Silk Road in the Great Age of Migration

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Britta-Maria Gruber (University of Bonn) Xinjiang in the 18th century: War, Flight, Exile and Relocation

Li Xuetao 李雪涛

(Beijing Foreign Studies University) 鸠摩罗什(Kumārajīva, 344-413)的语言能力 The Language Skills of Kumārajīva (344-413)

Shang Yanbin 尚衍斌

(Minzu University of China) 亦都护家族东迁及其相关史实新探索 The Eastern Movement of the Idu-qut Family and New Historical Researches

Wang Dongping 王东平

(Beijing Normal University) 清代内地民人在天山南路地区的生计——基于 档案材料的考察 The Livelihood of the Minren(民人) in the Southern Tianshan Region during the Qing Period —— Discussion on Some Archive Materials

16:00-16:30

Coffee break

16:30-17:30 Final discussion

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