

# Contents

## Articles / Aufsätze

- Ole J. Benedictow, Yersinia pestis, the Bacterium of Plague, Arose in East Asia. Did it Spread Westwards via the Silk Roads, the Chinese Maritime Expeditions of Zheng He or over the Vast Eurasian Populations of Sylvatic (Wild) Rodents?.....* 1
- Carl Fredrik Sverdrup, Sübe’etei Ba’atur, Anonymous Strategist .....* 33
- Zhaoyang Zhang, Revisiting the A.D. 28 Case from Juyan 居延: How Was Civil Justice Different from Criminal Justice in Han China? .....* 51
- Gabrielle von Kispal-van Deijk, Ubiquitous but Elusive: The Chinese of Makassar in VOC Times .....* 81
- Tai Wei Lim 林大偉, Interpretations of Japanese Modernity: A Case Study of Japan’s Energy Transition in the Ceramics Industry .....* 105

## Reviews of Books / Rezensionen

- Francesco D’Arelli, Pierfrancesco Callieri (Hg.): *A oriente. Città, uomini, dei sulle vie della seta* (Francesca Fiaschetti) .....
- Michele Bernardini, Donatella Guida: *I Mongoli. Espansione, imperi, eredità* (Francesca Fiaschetti) .....
- Charles D. Orzech, Richard K. Payne, Henrik H. Sørensen (Hg.): *Esoteric Buddhism and the Tantras in East Asia* (Marc Nürnberger) .....
- Gilbert Rozman (Hg.): *East Asian National Identities. Common Roots and Chinese Exceptionalism* (Sandra Mikli) .....
- Yangwen Zheng: *China on the Sea. How the Maritime World Shaped Modern China* (Roderich Ptak) .....
- Vasilij Pavlovič Vasil’ev: *Grafičeskaja sistema kitajskih ieroglifov. Palladij: Kitajsko-ruskij slovar’* (Hartmut Wabravens) .....
- John W. Dardess: *Ming China 1368–1644. A Concise History of a Resilient Empire* (Roderich Ptak) .....

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Hok-lam Chan: <i>Ming Taizu (r. 1368–98) and the Foundation of the Ming Dynasty in China</i><br>(Kai Filipiak) .....            | 138 |
| Tonio Andrade: <i>Lost Colony. The Untold Story of China's First Great Victory over the West</i><br>(Roderich Ptak) .....       | 141 |
| Petra Buchholz: <i>Vom Teufel zum Menschen. Die Geschichte der Chinaheimkehrer in Selbstzeugnissen</i><br>(Klaus Vollmer) ..... | 145 |