



**Carl Friedrich
von Siemens Stiftung**

Workshop “Movement and Infrastructure in Ancient Eastern Eurasia”

Munich, May 14-17, 2025

Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung, Südliches Schloßbrändel 23, 80638, Munich, Germany

Day 1 May 14

- 9:00-10:00 Registration of the participants and invited guests
10:00-10:15 Opening Remarks
10:15-10:40 Participants' self-introduction
10:40-11:00 *Coffee break (20')*

Regions and Communication Routes, People and Animals

Section 1: Interactions between early China and the Steppes

Chair: Thomas Höllmann, Bavarian Academie of Sciences and Humanities

- 11:00-11:40 **Jessica Rawson, the University of Oxford**
Chinese Infrastructure: The World of Loess
11:40-12:20 **Ursula Brosseder, Leibniz Centre for Archaeology, Mainz**
Herding animals and mobility of humans - eastern Eurasia during the late third through first millennia BCE
12:20-13:00 **Zhang Changping, University of Wuhan**
Cross-cultural factors and their influence on China in the 2nd and the 1st millennium BC
13:00-14:20 *Lunch (80')*

Section 2: Perspectives from transmitted and excavated texts

Chair: Lukas Nickel, University of Vienna

- 14:20-15:00 **Hans van Ess, University of Munich**
Food supplies for Han armies on expedition
15:00-15:40 **Sun Wenbo, Renmin University of China, Peking**
Transportation Institutions in the Qin and Han Dynasties as Seen in Unearthed Documents
15:40-16:00 *Coffee break (20')*

Section 3: Diachronic perspectives

Chair: Maddalena Barengi, Ca'Foscari University of Venice

- 16:00-16:40 **Qin Ling, Peking University**
Jade Artifacts and Social Dynamics in the Longshan Era: Cross-Regional Interactions and Cultural Integration during Late Neolithic China
16:40-17:20 **Gideon Shelach, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
Matching Historical and Archaeological Evidence for Large-Scale Movements of People and Resources: Case Studies from the Liao Period (916–1125)
17:20-18:00 **Yuri Esin, Leibniz Centre for Archaeology, Mainz**
Communication routes between South Siberia and China: evidence from the Middle Ages to the 1st millennium BCE
18:30 *Dinner at the Tavern Schwaige - participants and invited guests*

Day 2 May 15

Regions and Communication Routes, People and Animals

Section 4: Networks and Boundaries

Chair: Armin Selbitschka, LMU Munich

- 09:00-09:40 **Lothar von Falkenhausen, University of California in Los Angeles**
The Operation of Transcontinental Networks in an Age of Boundary Formation: A Perspective from Warring States-Period Archaeology
09:40-10:20 **Melanie Janssen-Kim, Freie Universität Berlin**
Bridging the Gap in a Fragmented Past. Bronze Age Research on the Korean peninsula
10:20-11:00 **Mark J. Hudson, Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology, Jena**
Bronzisation and the Moral Economy of the Epi-Neolithic in the Japanese Islands
11:00-11:20 *Coffee break (20')*

Section 5: Interactions in the Southeast

Chair: Margarete Prüch, University of Heidelberg

11:20-12:00 Francis Allard, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

The many strands of long-distance interaction: The nature and impact of China's early participation in the Maritime Silk Road

12:00-12:40 Bérénice Bellina, Centre national de la recherche scientifique, Paris

Fluidity and diversity of ancient maritime exchange networks in South and Southeast Asia: reflections on the archaeology of cosmopolitan environments

12:40-13:10 *Photo session*

13:10-14:30  *Lunch (80')*

Section 6: Points of contact in Northern and Northwestern China

Chair: Annette Kieser, University of Münster

14:30-15:10 Sun Zhanwei, Shaanxi Provincial Institute of Archaeology, Xi'an

Zhaigou Ruins: The Illustrious Fang State of the Yin and Shang Dynasties

15:10-15:50 Samira Müller, University of Heidelberg

Points of Contact – economic, social, and cultural exchange at road stations in the Héxí region during the Hàn period

15:50-16:10  *Coffee break (20')*

Section 7: New perspectives on Xinjiang


Chair: Sabrina Rastelli, Ca'Foscari University of Venice

16:10-16:50 Marcella Festa, Northwest University, Xi'an

Zooarchaeological Perspectives on Pastoralism in the Tianshan region (Xinjiang, China)

16:50-17:30 Annie Chan, University of Munich

'Building' resilience: the built environment as subsistence strategy in montane and desert steppes of Iron Age Xinjiang

17:30-18:00  *Discussion and reflections on the days 1 and 2*

 *Dinner at the Restaurant Risotto - participants, invited guests, and the LMU staff*

Day 3

May 16

Materials and technologies

Section 8: Building, weaving, and glass-making

Chair: Shing Müller, University of Munich

09:00-09:40 Kyoko Nomoto, Tokyo University of Arts

Wool textiles in early Eastern Eurasia – a new light on the interactions between the steppe and China in the first millennium BCE

09:40-10:20 Brigitte Borell, University of Heidelberg

Movements of Glass Objects by Land and Sea

10:20-10:40  *Coffee break (20')*

Section 9: Bronze Metallurgy

Chair: Huan Limin, Leibniz Centre for Archaeology, Mainz

10:40-11:20 Mei Jianjun, University of Cambridge

Eurasian Influence on the Early Development of Copper-based Metallurgy in China

11:20-12:00 Liu Siran, University of Science and Technology, Beijing

The Dissemination of Bronze Metallurgy during the Erligang period

12:00-13:30  *Lunch (90')*

Section 10: Iron and Gold

Chair: Natasa Vampelj-Sukhadolnik, University of Ljubljana

13:30-14:10 Lam Wengcheong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Reexamining the Transmission and Adoption of Iron Metallurgy in East Asia: A Journey to the East?

14:10-14:50 Liu Yan, Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi'an

Iconographies, styles and technologies of gold and silver artefacts found in the royal Western Han tomb at Bailuyuan, Xi'an

14:50-15:10  *Coffee break (20')*

Section 11: Metallurgy and Communication

Chair: Alice Yu Chen, Rietberg Museum, Zurich

15:10-15:50 Wolfgang Behr, University of Zurich

The earliest layers of Chinese metal terminology: case studies of linguistic borrowings across the Eastern Eurasian contact zone

15:50-16:30 Maria Khayutina, University of Munich

"Metallurgists" across the early Eastern Eurasia

16:30-16:40 *Short break*

16:40-18:00  *Discussion & Closing of Conference*

 *Dinner at the Königlicher Hirschgarten (Royal Deer Garden) Tavern - participants, guests, and students*

Day 4

May 17

7:40-21:00 Post-Conference Tour for the participants