Manipulating Magic: Sages, Sorcerers, and Scholars

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Henry R. Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, CT

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 15, 2005

4:00 PM   KEYNOTE LECTURE

Gregory Schopen, University of California at Los Angeles

“The Life and Travels of a Sanskrit Verse, or Why We Are All in the Same Room Today”

Saturday, April 16, 2005

8:00 AM   CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(2nd Floor Common Room, Henry R. Luce Hall)

8:30 AM   WELCOME

8:45-10:45 AM   I. RELIGION AND MAGIC

Chair: Donald McCallum, University of California at Los Angeles

Robert Sharf, University of California at Berkeley - Buddhist Enchantment

William Bodiford, University of California at Los Angeles - Foreign Threats and Domestic Devils: Christian Magic in Early Modern Japan

James Robson, University of Michigan - On (the) Word Magic in Medieval Chinese Religions

Stanley Insler, Yale University – Love Magic

10:45-11:00 AM   COFFEE BREAK (2nd Floor Common Room, Henry R. Luce Hall)
II. TALES OF MAGIC AND MAGICIANS

Chair: Stephen Teiser, Princeton University

Robert Brown, University of California at Los Angeles - Was the Buddha a Magician?

Daniela Berti, CNRS Paris - A Sorcerer’s Views on Magic: The Case of Baba Mahant of Kullu (North India)

Donald Lopez, University of Michigan - Superman and Man (Magical Elements in the Buddha Biography)

Valerie Hansen, Yale University - Huili’s Explanations, Miraculous and Not, in His Biography of Xuanzang

1:00-2:30 PM LUNCH (2nd Floor Common Room, Henry R. Luce Hall)

2:30-3:30 PM TALES OF MAGIC AND MAGICIANS, continued

Chair: Stanley Weinstein, Yale University

James Benn, Arizona State University - Magic and the Military in Medieval China

Jinhua Chen, University of British Columbia, Monks, Magic and Market: Some Reflections on the Pancavarsika (Open-to-all Dharma Assembly) in Medieval China

3:30-3:45 PM COFFEE BREAK (2nd Floor Common Room, Henry R. Luce Hall)

3:45-5:45 PM III. MAGICAL OBJECTS AND THE OBJECTS OF MAGIC

Chair: Edward Kamens, Yale University

Max Moerman, Barnard College - Promissory Notes: Talismans, Oaths, and Contracts in Premodern Japanese Religion

Koichi Shinohara, Yale University - From Miracle to Magic: The Framing of the Demon Jinja Daisho

Eugene Wang, Harvard University - Spell and Space: Two Eleventh-Century Dharani Prints from the Pagoda in Ruiguang Monastery, Suzhou

Mimi Hall Yiengpruksawan, Yale University - The Architectural Magic of the Golden Light Sutra
Sunday, April 17, 2005

8:30 AM  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(2nd Floor Common Room, Henry R. Luce Hall)

9:00-11:30 AM  IV.  PRACTICING MAGIC

Chair: Jacqueline Stone, Princeton University

Phyllis Granoff, Yale University - Magic in the Jain Vinayas? Context and Content in the Study of Indian Religious Practices

Robert Gimello, Harvard University, Control and Transcendence: The Homa Ritual in Chinese Occult Buddhism

Paul Groner, University of Virginia, Magic and Ordinations in Japanese Buddhism

Gilles Tarabout, CNRS Paris - Eclecticism and Materiality in Some Recipes for Occult Power in Kerala

Bernard Faure, Stanford University – Crushing the Enemy: Buddhist Exorcisms in Medieval Japan

11:30 AM-12:00 PM  SUMMATION

12:00-1:30 PM  LUNCH (2nd Floor Common Room, Henry R. Luce Hall)