PERSPECTIVES ON THE LIAO
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September 30 - October 2, 2010

Archaeological discoveries of the past thirty years have transformed the study of the Liao Dynasty (907–1125) into a vibrant field of inquiry. This conference brings together scholars from Australia, China, Germany, Israel, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States to present new findings about the Liao elite, their Liao language and script, Buddhist patronage, funerary culture, and international relations.

Thursday & Friday, September 30 & October 1, 2010
Yale University, Henry F. Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven

Keynote Address
TALM (Inner Mongolia Museum, Hohhot)

Panel 1: Understanding the Liao Language
Daniel KANE (Muscogee University)
Andrew SHANER (Indiana University)
Wayne Wei-ya TAN (Harvard University)
CHA Ning (Central College, Iowa)

Panel 2: Liao Nomads and Sedentary Culture
Nicola DI COSMO (Princeton University)
Natalie STANDEN (University of Newcastle) and Gwen BRINNITT (McGill University)
LIN Hua (Qinzhua University)

Panel 3: Liao Elite Society
Nicola DI COSMO (Princeton University)
Linda Cooke JOHNSON (Michigan State University)
Pamela CROSSLEY (Durham College)
Leifur LEDDROSS (University of Heidelberg)

Panel 4: Buddhist Patronage
Robert GIMELLO (University of Notre Dame)
Kerri SLOVIN (Saint-Petersburg State University)
Hueh hsiang SHEN (Institute of Fine Arts, New York)

Saturday, October 2, 2010
Bard Graduate Center, 45 West 86th Street, New York

Keynote Address
Wil Hung (University of Chicago)

Panel 5: Burials and Buildings
DONG Xiaoli (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing)
Frances LUCUS (Bard Graduate Center)
Xin CHENG (University of Oxford)
Nancy SHENHARDT (University of Pennsylvania)

Panel 6: Real Beyond China
Mimi YIENGPRUSAWAN (Yale University)
Yuen-mei KIM (Yale University)
Brian VIVIER (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)
Youngsook PARK (SOGAS, University of London)
Michal BRYAN (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Valerie HANSEN (Yale University)

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