



Yale University Art Gallery Images: Seated Guanyin, 11th-12th century, gray limestone with traces of pigment, gift of the Associates in Fine Arts;  
Dish, 11th century, earthenware with three-color (sancai) glazes, Wayland Wells Williams, BA, 1910, Collection, gift of Mrs. Francis Wayland Williams

# PERSPECTIVES ON THE LIAO

An International Conference Sponsored by Bard Graduate Center and  
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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 Kitan language and script, Buddhist patronage, funerary culture, and international relations.

Thursday & Friday, September 30 & October 1, 2010

Yale University, Henry R. Luce Hall, 31 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven

**Keynote Address**

TALA (Inner Mongolia Museum, Hohhot)

**Panel 1: Understanding the Kitan Language**

Daniel KANE (Macquarie University)

Andrew SHIMUNEK (Indiana University)

Wayne Wei-yu TAN (Harvard University)

CHIA Ning (Central College, Iowa)

**Panel 2: Kitan Nomads and Sedentary Culture**

Nicola DI COSMO (Princeton, University)

Naomi STANDEN (University of Newcastle) and Gwen BENNETT (McGill University)

LIN Hu (Qinghua University)

**Panel 3: Kitan Elite Society**

Nicola DI COSMO (Princeton, University)

Linda Cooke JOHNSON (Michigan State University)

Pamela CROSSLEY (Dartmouth College)

Lothar LEDDEROSE (University of Heidelberg)

**Panel 4: Buddhist Patronage**

Robert GIMELLO (University of Notre Dame)

Kirill SOLONIN (Saint-Petersburg State University)

Hsueh-man SHEN (Institute of Fine Arts, New York)

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Bard Graduate Center, 38 West 86th Street, New York

**Keynote Address**

WU Hung (University of Chicago)

**Panel 5: Burials and Buildings**

DONG Xinlin (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing)

François LOUIS (Bard Graduate Center)

Xin CHEN (University of Oxford)

Nancy STEINHARDT (University of Pennsylvania)

**Panel 6: Liao Beyond China**

Mimi YIENGPRUKSAWAN (Yale University)

Youn-mi KIM (Yale University)

Brian VIVIER (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

Youngsook PAK (SOAS, University of London)

Michal BIRAN (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Valerie HANSEN (Yale University)



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