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## “Cataloguing and Metadating Chinese Manuscripts”

A workshop at the *Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures*  
Warburgstraße 26, Hamburg

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Since the 1970s Chinese archaeologists have unearthed an ever growing corpus of manuscripts from early China. Unlike those written artefacts from Dunhuang and Turfan, which have been catalogued and studied in ways similar to manuscripts from medieval Europe, early Chinese manuscripts pose problems quite differently. Mostly made from wooden or bamboo slips, their bindings are often lost, making the reconstruction of codicological units very difficult if not impossible. The palaeography of early Chinese manuscripts is still in its infant state, cataloguing and editing standards are far from satisfactory. This workshop brings together scholars engaged in the study of early Chinese manuscripts and specialists from more advanced disciplines in order to discuss cataloguing in the context of the “metadating” of manuscripts in state-of-art databases.

### Programme

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| 1.30 pm | Tea and Coffee  |
| 2.00 pm | Welcome   |
| 2.30 pm | <b>Tilman Seidensticker, Jena</b><br>'Different ways of cataloguing manuscripts within the Union Catalogue of Oriental Manuscripts in Germany Project (KOHD)'<br><b>Pietro Liuzzo, Hamburg, Hiob Ludolf Centre for Ethiopian Studies</b><br>'The Beta maṣāḥēft Research Environment for Ethiopian Manuscripts'<br><b>Karsten Helmholz, Hamburg, CSMC</b><br>'Presentation of the Website of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library'                       |
| 4.00 pm | Tea and Coffee  |
| 4.30 pm | <b>Enno Giele, Heidelberg, SFB 933</b><br>'Terminological Considerations on Material, Form, and Content of Ancient Manuscripts'<br><b>Thies Staack, Heidelberg, SFB 933</b><br>'Codicological description of early Chinese bamboo and wood manuscripts: Some preliminary considerations'<br><b>Martin Kern and Xiao Yunxiao, Princeton</b><br>'Beyond Contents: Toward a New Database on the Material and Visual Features of Early Chinese Manuscripts' |
| 6.00 pm | <b>Final Discussion</b>   |