The Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures (CSMC) cordially invites you to a lecture by

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„Using Dead Files in Lively Fashion”: Official and Unofficial Archives on the History of the People’s Republic of China

The role of archives in the People’s Republic of China, especially in the more recent past, is notoriously shrouded in mystery. While there are official guidelines such as the 1988 Archives Law, actual access conditions have come to vary greatly over time and region. In this talk, I will provide an outline about different roles assigned to archives in recent history and briefly detail official collecting strategies. Emphasis will be placed on the problems of actually using state archives for historical research and ways of complementing gaps in the official record.

Thursday, 28 January 2021, 06:00 pm (CET)

Zoom-Meeting