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The Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures (CSMC)  
announces a public lecture

by

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**Ancient Chinese Manuscripts: The Question of their Authenticity**

This talk will address the problem posed by the fact that in recent times more and more Chinese universities have acquired unprovenanced texts on bamboo slips that were sold on the Hong Kong antique market. I will deal with some discussions on such sources that are to be found in printed Chinese media as well as in blogs on the internet, and I will discuss how Chinese scholars deal with the problem of establishing the authenticity of unprovenanced texts. Finally, I will turn to the most famous example, the manuscripts held by the Shanghai Museum, and will ask the question of whether a philological analysis could help to solve this problem.

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