

CONCEPT

This workshop will focus on the central importance of religion in shaping and conceiving of bodies and sexualities. It is to be asked how the fe/male body carries and/or escapes the burden of representing the family/community/nation. Moreover, the role of ritual for individual and collective strategies of shaping bodies will be discussed and to what extent they can be used as instruments of subversion. Aspects of purity, chastity, and cleansing, but also of veiling and wrapping bodies and of diverging ideas of salvation of wo/man are some of the aspects dealt with.

For further information on the workshop-series please visit

<https://www.asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de/research/areas/b/projects/b8-rethinking-gender>.

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Tachikawa skull ritual



Workshop

Rethinking the Religious Body



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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

- 10.00** *Barbara Mittler, Heidelberg*
Welcome Address
- Susanne Enderwitz, Heidelberg*
Introduction
- 10.15-11.45** *Bernard Faure, New York*
Incorporated Buddhism: Organic and Symbolic Bodies in Medieval Japanese Buddhism
- 11.45-12.30** Discussion
- 12.30** Lunch
- 14.00-14.30** *Lorilai Biernacki, Denver*
Words and Word-Bodies: Writing the Religious Body
- 14.30-15.10** Discussion
- 15.10-15.40** *Liz Wilson, Oxford, USA*
Didactic Bodies in Indian Buddhist Story Literature
- 15.40-16.20** Discussion
- 16.20-16.40** Interim Discussion
- 16.40** Coffee Break



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- 17.00-17.30** *Bettina Dennerlein, Zürich*
Religion, the State, and the Body. Recent Debates on Family Law Reform in Egypt and Marocco
- 17.30-18.10** Discussion
- 18.10-18.30** General Discussant: *Susanne Enderwitz, Heidelberg*
- 18.30-19.15** Wrap-up Discussion
- 19.30** Dinner

ADMISSION FREE