

Food and religious pluralisms

Comparing China and the Mediterranean world

Friday 21 - Saturday 22
September 2018
9:30 - 17:30



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Friday Sept. 21

Panel 1: Eating together

De la Pâque juive aux Pâques chrétiennes

Claudine Vassas (CNRS)

Eating vegetables and serving the demon: identity politics of late imperial China

Cao Xinyu (Renmin U.)

Chair-discussant: **Dominique Jaillard** (Geneva U.)

Panel 2: Talking of food

The language of food in Chinese Buddhism

James Robson (Harvard U.)

The Symbolism of raw and cooked in Turko-Persian Sufism

Thierry Zarcone (CNRS, GSRL)

Dog-meat and garlic: narratives about carnal and non-carnal *hun* 葷 (forbidden) food in late imperial Chinese literature

Vincent Durand-Dastès (Inalco)

Chair-discussant: **Vincent Goossaert** (EPHE, PSL)

Saturday Sept. 22

Panel 3: Meat taboos

Food avoidance and the construction of Jewish identity in antiquity: between discourse and practice

Anna Angelini (Lausanne U.)

Revisiting the Chinese beef taboo

Vincent Goossaert (EPHE, PSL)

Between Particularism and Universalism: The Avoidance of Pork from Antiquity to Hypermodernity

Misgav Har-Peled (Centre Edgar Morin, Paris, EHESS/CNRS)

Chair-discussant: **Pascale Bugnon** (Geneva U.)

Panel 4: Spiritual and material foods

Some general observations about food taboos (from an ancient Egyptian point of view)

Youri Volokhine (Geneva U.)

The Chinese notion of vitality coming from blood food (*xueshi shengqi* 血食生气)

Zhang Xuesong (Renmin U.)

The materiality of food in Chinese religious discourse

Thomas Jansen (Lampeter)

Chair-discussant: **James Robson** (Harvard U.)

General discussion