

Restaging the Periphery as the Center  
Women Communities in East Asian Religions  
28-29 June 2023

An international workshop co-organized by Leiden Centre for Intercultural Philosophy (LUCIP)  
with the support of The International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS)

Program

June 28 – Gravensteen Building, Pieterskerkhof 6, Leiden. Room 1.11

9:30-9:45

Opening remarks

9:50-11:30

Keynote speech, chaired by Fan Lin (Leiden University)

Xiaofei Kang (The George Washington University)

“Power on the Margins: Discovering Women and Religion in the Sino-Tibetan Borderland

11:30-13:00 Lunch break

13:00-15:00

Panel 1: Spatializing Feminisms: Carving Communal Spaces in the Past and the Present,  
chaired by Paul Crowe (Simon Fraser University)

Pinyan Zhu (Kent State University)

“Posthumous Release for Lay Women in Tang China: Two Cases from the Longmen  
Grottoes”

Ruo Lin (National University of Singapore)

“Buddhist Women and Female Buddhist Education in the South China Sea: A History of  
the Singapore Girls’ Buddhist Institute”

Lynn Yuqing Wong (Bridging Generations)

“Ascending the Milky Way: Seven Sisters Festival and the Religious Practices of Cantonese  
Women in Singapore”

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-17:30

Panel 2 Female Pioneers: Women Taking a Lead in East Asian Religions chaired by (to be  
confirmed soon)

Hongyu Wu (Ohio Northern University)

“Sword and Lotus: The Life of a Confucian Buddhist Woman Warrior in the Seventeenth-  
Century China”

Sungha Yun (St. Olaf College)

“Female Practitioners’ Religious Lives: The First Generation of Female Wōn Buddhist Clerics”

Yeh-Ying Shen (Singapore University of Social Sciences)

“A Woman’s History: A Lifetime of Practising Yiguandao— The Senior Leader of the Subdivision Baoguang Chongzheng”

End of day 1

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Panel 3: Gendered Discourses: Feminist Criticisms in Re-reading Buddhist Canon chaired by Cha-Hsuan Liu (Leiden University/ Wittenborg University)

Xingyi Wang (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

“The Jeweled Hairpin: The Bhikṣuṇī Mahāprajāpatī Sūtra in Chinese Buddhism”

Haoqin, Zhong (University of Hong Kong)

“The Miraculous Narratives in The Biographies of Eminent Nuns and The Further Biographies of Eminent Nuns”

Ruifeng Chen (Zhejiang University)

“Four Chinese Buddhist Nuns’ Gender Anxiety in their Colophons to the Da banniepan jing 大般涅槃經”

11: 30-11:50 Closing remarks

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