### Module description

**Module title**  
Introduction to Heritage and Innovation  
**Abbreviation**  
04-CS-HI-I-172-m01

**Module coordinator**  
holder of the Chair of East Asian Cultural Studies

**Module offered by**  
Institute of East and South Asian Cultural Studies

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**Duration**  
1 semester

**Module level**  
graduate

**Other prerequisites**  
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**Contents**

This module offers an introduction to some core institutions, practices, concepts and values of the state, society and culture of late imperial China, mainly during the 16th to 18th centuries (mid Ming to mid Qing). It includes both continuous as well as innovative or discontinuous elements, and identifies important fields of tension in the political, social and cultural systems. In order to provide a general focus, a thematic frame of choice is offered, such as local history, gender history, or the history of everyday life, depending on the learning agreement with the new student group. Each topic is viewed through a primary source, besides suitable research literature, with the source text presented in both the original language as well as an English translation. Thus, the course also offers an introduction to a range of source types and genres, and to reading and analyzing them. This course offer is also open to students in the CLE/CBE programs.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are familiarized with a range of institutions, issues, concepts and developments of the late-imperial Chinese state, society and culture. They strengthen their abilities to view a problem from various perspectives. They also learn to handle primary sources, approaching them methodically, based on appropriate source critique. Students practice the effective oral presentation of their insights from working on one topic and source, and its written summary in a handout.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Module taught in: English and Chinese

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

a) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 15 minutes) or b) written examination (approx. 60 minutes)

Language of assessment: English and Chinese

Creditable for bonus: yes

**Allocation of places**

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**Additional information**

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**Referred to in LPO I** (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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**Module appears in**

Master’s degree (1 major) Chinese Studies (2017)