

# Old Chinese and Friends: Advances in the Reconstruction of Old Chinese Phonology

## Workshop (organized by Yunfan Lai and Johann-Mattis List)

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## Outline

The reconstruction of the phonology of Old Chinese has greatly advanced during the last decades. As a result, reconstruction systems which were proposed independently by different scholars, such as Baxter and Sagart (2014), Starostin (1989), and Zhèngzhāng (2003) resemble each other much more than earlier reconstructions (Wáng 1980, Li 1971, Karlgren 1957). With the increased consensus among scholars, Old Chinese has also begun to resemble Tibete-Burman languages much closer, which has led to an increased research and debate about the position of Chinese within the Sino-Tibetan (or Trans-Himalayan) language family (Behr 1999, Jacques 2015).

The goal of the workshop is to bring together experts on Sino-Tibetan linguistics, Ancient Chinese, Old Chinese reconstruction, and Chinese paleography to discuss future directions of research on Old Chinese phonology in the broader context of the genetic affiliation of Chinese as well as the history of the writing system with a special focus on newly excavated documents.

## Call for Abstracts

We invite interested scholars to submit abstracts on Old Chinese phonology, Chinese paleography, or the position of Chinese within the Sino-Tibetan language family. Abstract in form of PDF which does not disclose your identity, not exceeding one page (not counting references and figures) should be directly sent to both [list@shh.mpg.de](mailto:list@shh.mpg.de) and [lai@shh.mpg.de](mailto:lai@shh.mpg.de). Please state your affiliation and contact information in the email body text. To make it easier for us to sort emails with abstracts, we further ask you to add “[OCAF submission]“ to the header of your email (including the brackets). Limited funding for travel will be available, but we cannot promise to be able to cover the funding of all participants. In case you need funding, we ask you to indicate this in the email accompanying your abstract. The deadline for sending abstracts is **January 15**.

## Confirmed Participants

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## 上古汉语圈内小聚：上古音系构拟最新进展工作坊

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### 概述

数十年来，上古汉语音系的构拟取得了重大进展。因此，近期不同学者独立构拟的音系（如白一平-沙加尔 2014、斯塔罗斯金 1989 以及郑张尚芳 2003）比起王力（1980）、李方桂（1971）以及高本汉（1957），互相之间更为相似。也正因为学者们共识的增加，如今的上古汉语与藏缅语言更加接近，同时也启发了人们对汉语在汉藏语系（或跨喜马拉雅语系）中的地位（Behr 1999, Jacques 2015）。

本次工作坊旨在让汉藏语系、上古音、上古文献文字专家齐聚一堂，共同讨论上古音研究的未来方向，包括汉语的系属问题以及最新出土文献中所揭示的书写系统的历史研究。

### 会议通知

我们欢迎有关上古汉语音系、汉语古文字学、汉语在汉藏语系中系属的论文摘要。摘要应为完全匿名、不超过一页（不包含参考文献和图片）的 PDF 文件，发送至 list@shh.mpg.de 并抄送 lai@shh.mpg.de。请在邮件正文中写明作者的单位以及联系方式。为了方便我们为邮件归类，请作者在邮件标题的开头标注“[OCAF submission]”（包含方括号）。我们可以为与会者提供有限的旅行经费，但我们不能保证每一位与会者都能获得补助。如果您需要经费支持，请在邮件正文中提及。稿件截止日期是 2018 年 1 月 15 日。

### 已确定参会人员

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