



Workshop on Early Chinese Civilization

March 10-12, 2005

Room 120, C. K. Choi Building

Organized by
Centre for Chinese Research
Department of Anthropology & Sociology
Department of Asian Studies

University of British Columbia, Vancouver

10 March 2005, Thursday

9:00 – 9:45 pm

Neolithic Background Toward Formation of a Core-piece of Ancient Chinese Civilization (Cho-yun Hsu, University of Pittsburgh)

10:00 – 11:30 am

On the Methodology of Deciphering the Shang Oracle-Bone Inscriptions: The State of the Art (Ken-ichi Takashima, UBC)

New Evidence for the Art History Study of Xibeigang Royal Cemetery - a Study of Shang Royal Craft (Chen Fang-Mei, National Taiwan University)

The Ancient Past and the Contemporary Nation China's Archaeology in the 1920s and 1930s (Diana Lary, UBC)

13:30 – 15:00 am

Lithic Production of Early States in China - An Examination of the Development of Craft Specialization (Chen Xingchan, Institute of Archaeology, CASS, China)

Divine Specialists: Some Thoughts on the Emergence and Development of Pyromantic Divination in Early China (Rowan Flad, Harvard)

Shang Musical Instruments: Some Unresolved Problems in Correlating Graphs with Archaeological Finds (Alan Thrasher, UBC)

15:15 – 16:45 pm

The Socio-political Implications of Multiple Craft-production Areas at Yinxu (Li Yungti, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)

Shang Writing Before the Oracle Bone Inscriptions from Yinxu Huang Dekuan (Anhui University, China)

A Marker of Early Chinese Civilization - Jade (Wen Guang, Institute of Geology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)

11 March 2005, Friday

8:30 – 10:00 am

Languages and Genes in China (Alain Peyraube, Sciences de l'homme et de la Société, France)

Triumphant Return of the Shang Dynasty: a Ceremony for Receiving Prisoners and Reporting to the Temple (Ts'ai Che-mao, Academia Sinica)

On the Ten Heavenly Stems and the Kinship Structure of the Shang Elite (Hwang, Ming-chorng, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)

10:15 – 11:45 am

Social Organization of Late Shang China - a Mortuary Perspective (Tang Jigen, Institute of Archaeology, CASS, China)

Archaeology and the Ancient Chinese Lineage (Lothar von Falkenhausen, University of California, Los Angeles)

13:30 – 15:00 am

Writing and the State in Shang and Early Western Zhou (William Boltz, University of Washington, Seattle, USA)

State Formation of the Early Shang from the Period of Shang Jia to Tang's Conquest Upon the Xia (Wang Yuxin, Institute of History, CASS, China)

Landscape and Environmental Evolution in The Shang Settlement System (George Rapp, University of Minnesota)

15:15 – 16:45 pm

Engaging Strategies of Shang Dynasty Toward the East Land (Fang Hui, Shandong University, China)

Shang Dynasty and fangguo (neighboring states and statelets) (Wang Wei, Institute of Archaeology, CASS, China)

From Erlitou to Anyang: the formation of a cultural hegemony (Sarah Allan, Dartmouth College, USA)

12 March 2005, Saturday

8:30 – 10:00 am

Changing Political Landscapes of the Shang Dynasty (Li Liu, La Trobe University, Australia)

Understanding the Dynamics of Erligang Expansion From a Comparative Perspective (Jing Zhichun, UBC)

Political Domains of Shang Dynasty and Its Governing Strategies - The Geographical Distribution of Lineages as Represented By Lineage Insignia Cast on Yinxu Bronzes (Li Boqian, Peking University, China)

10:15 – 11:45 am

Urban sites of the Shang culture and the study of state organization (Sun Hua, Peking University, China)

Cross-Cultural Perspectives on the Evolution of the World's Earliest Cities (Yoffee Norman, University of Michigan, USA)

How a day started in late Shang Dynasty: a revisit to the long-standing debate (Liu Xueshun, UBC)