



Call for Papers

International Symposium

May 5-7, 2023

Death and Dying in East Asia

The Timothy Light Center for Chinese Studies at Western Michigan University invites paper proposals for the 2023 Asian Forum on “Death and Dying in East Asia.” We welcome papers from all disciplines and on pre-modern and modern/contemporary periods. We especially welcome papers exploring the following issues: ideas, concepts, and discourses on the meaning of death and the afterlife; ritual texts, art and material culture related to death and/or funerary practices; miraculous tales about the afterlife; death care and grief; the politics of death and dying and the portrayal of death in contemporary film and literature. Advanced graduate students and post-doctoral scholars are particularly welcome to apply. Full panel proposals will also be considered. The conference language will be English. We envision publication of papers after the conference.

The symposium will begin Friday evening May 6th, 2023 with a keynote address followed by panels on Saturday and a second keynote followed by a special panel on contemporary issues on Sunday morning. Hotels and meals will be covered by the Light Center. Limited travel support will be available for advanced graduate students and post-doctoral scholars.

Please submit a 180-200 word abstract describing the proposed presentation along with your paper title, and a one to two page c.v. to Dr. Ying Zeng at hige-asia@wmich.edu by **May 31, 2022**.

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