

# Enemy Encounters in East Asia

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**Research Training Group “Ambivalent Enmity: Dynamics of Antagonism in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East”**

**Webinar Program 2025-2026: First Semester (October-February)**

- Unless otherwise noted, webinars take place on Thursdays via Zoom. The time zone corresponds to that of Heidelberg\*.
- Unless otherwise noted in the schedule, webinars will be held in English.
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**October 30, 3 pm, “Climate Change, Shipwrecks, and Coastal Defense: Wokou and the Making of an 'Enemy' in the East Asia, 13th-17th Centuries”**

Ma Guang (Associate Professor, Macao Polytechnic University)

**November 20, 3 pm, “Hà Tiên in the Contest for Supremacy between Vietnam and Siam in Mainland Southeast Asia, 1780-1880”**

Xing Hang (Professor, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

**December 11, 3 pm, “The Poisoned Drum: Creating Enmity as a Tactic in Pre-Modern Nichiren Buddhism”**

Dan Sherer (Lecturer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**January 22, 3 pm, “Combat Techniques and Tactics of Japanese Pirates in Korea and China, 1350 to 1420”**

Damien Peladan (Maître de conférences, Université Bordeaux Montaigne)

**February 12, 4.30 pm, “Ghosts in the Neighborhood: Why Japan is Haunted by Its Past and Germany Is Not”**

Walter Hatch (Professor Emeritus, Colby College)

\*Please remember that Summer Time (CEST) in Heidelberg ends at 3 am on October 26th, 2025. It restarts on March 29th, 2026 at 2 am.