

**BCCN
Lecture Series
2022/23**

Marc Andre Matten is the Professor for Contemporary Chinese History at Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg (FAU). His research interests include, the history of knowledge transfers between Europe and China in the 20th century and the historiography of global history in contemporary China. His most recent publications are *Knowledge Production in Mao-Era China—Learning from the Masses* (Lexington, 2021, together with Rui Kunze), *Moving Knowledge—The Soviet Union and China in the Twentieth Century* (special issue of *Comparativ*, 2019, together with Julia Obertreis), as well as *Imagining a Postnational World—Hegemony and Space in Modern China* (Brill, 2016).



Marc Matten

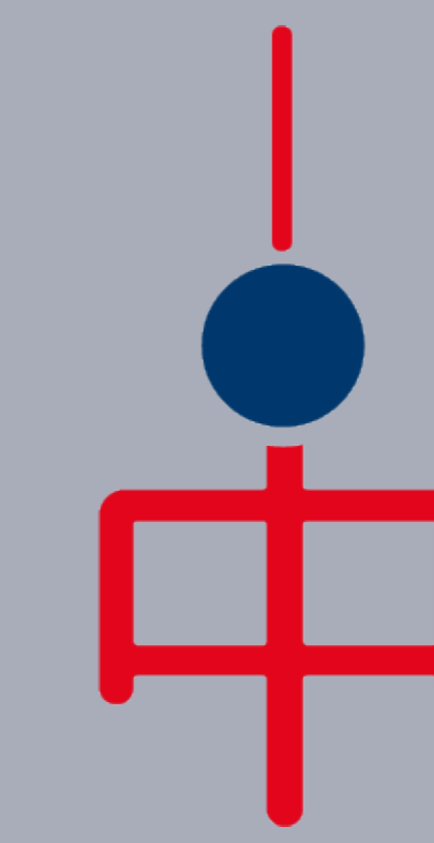
(Friedrich-Alexander Universität
Erlangen-Nürnberg)

Lise Meitner Research Group
(MPIWG)

Practice as the Criterion of Truth

**Ruptures and Continuities of
Scientific Knowledge Discourses
in 20th Century China**

January 11, 2023
14:00-15:30 (CET)



Berlin Contemporary
China Network

By looking at the formation of the public discourse of science and technology in the Mao-era this talk will highlight how the empowerment of workers and farmers in socialist China helped to shape a distinct vision of science and technology that was supposed to realize the goal of fast modernization with limited financial, human, and material resources. The strategy of the Communist Party-state to accommodate Western and local, "modern" and "traditional" knowledges in the fields of agricultural mechanization, steel production, and Chinese veterinary medicine brought forth new technologies. They were a result of the continuity of scientific thinking across the historical divides of 1949 and 1978.



Zoom registration
required