

**LOOMS OF LIFE**  
**Weaving, medicine and knowledge production**  
**in early China**

**UCL, 30 March 2017**

**9.45 Registration and refreshments**  
**Exhibition viewing**

**10.15 Welcome Address**

Dr Zhuang Yijie 庄奕杰, ICCHA, UCL Archaeology

**10.30–12.30 Session 1: Tomb, Loom and Text**

Chair: Professor Roel Sterckx

Joseph Needham Professor and Chair, East Asian Studies, Cambridge University

Professor Xie Tao 谢涛

Researcher, Chengdu Material Culture and Archaeology Research Institute

*An archaeological report on the earliest Chinese looms from the Tianhui 天回 Han tomb, Laoguanshan 老官山.*

Professor Donald Harper

East Asian Studies, University of Chicago

*Ancient Chinese excavated medical manuscripts in relation to the study of technical literature, manuscript culture, and the new philology.*

Professor Liu Changhua 柳长华,

Director, China Institute for the History of Medicine and Medical Literature, China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences

*Titles and sources of the excavated bamboo medical manuscripts from the Tianhui Han tomb, Laoguanshan.*

**12.30–1.15 LUNCH**

## 1.15–3.15 Session 2: Revisiting Early Chinese Medicine

Chair: Professor Elisabeth Hsu  
Anthropology, Oxford University

Professor Li Jianmin 李建民

Academia Sinica, Taiwan

*Methodological implications for the study of medicine of the material culture of the Tianhui Han tomb, Laoguanshan.*

Dr Gu Man 顾漫

China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences

*Reconstructing and editing the Tianhui bamboo medical manuscripts: methods and current progress.*

Dr Shelley Ochs

China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences

*'Bian que' and 'Bi xi': reconsidering the legend of Bian Que in light of the Laoguanshan texts.*

## 3.15–3.30 TEA BREAK

## 3.30–5.30 Session 3: Drugs and the Body

Chair: Professor Zhang Daqing 张大庆  
Director, Institute of Medical Humanities, PKU

Dr Michael Stanley-Baker

Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

*Visualising materia medica across time, space and textual genre*

Dr Zhou Qi 周琦

China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences

*The lacquered figurine from the Tianhui Han tomb.*

Dr Vivienne Lo 罗维前

History, UCL

*Looms of Life: the warp and the weft of the body's interior design.*

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