

# The Kitan Network Annual Symposium Online 2024

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Friday, February 2nd 2024

**Session 1: 1400-1500 IST (GMT+2); 2100-2200 JST (GMT+9)**

## The Kitan Power Structure in the Liao

Chair: Lance Pursey (Waseda University)

Adrien Dupuis (École Pratique des Hautes Études PSL): Behind the Surnames:  
The Dual Structure of the Kitan Empire nobility and the Significance of the  
“Yelü” and “Xiao” Patronyms

Zachary Hershey (Kenyon College): Administrative Terminology in Kitan  
Language Inscriptions

**Session 2: 1515-1615 IST; 2215-2315 JST**

## Sources of the Kitan and the Qara-Khitai

Chair: Michal Biran (HUJI)

András Róna-Tas (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) Materials for the  
Decipherment of Kitan

V. Belyaev and S. Sidorovich (Independent scholars): Numismatics and  
Sigillography of the Western Liao: Current State and Development Prospects

**Session 3: 1630-1730 IST; 2330-0030 JST**

## Walls and Settlements on the Steppe

Chair: Joshua Wright (University of Aberdeen)

Ruowei Yang (Hong Kong Shue Yan University): Settlement Towns Built  
on the Northeastern Steppe of Inner Mongolia in Kitan-Liao (907-1125):  
A Brief Fieldwork Report

Gideon Shelach-Lavi (HUJI): New Archaeological Insights on the  
Kitan/Liao Long-Wall in Northeastern Mongolia

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