

International ISCS&D Conference "Predictive Practices & Interpretations" · 5–8 November 2026 · Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen–Nürnberg, Germany									
All papers are 20 minutes · Every panel is followed by 20 minutes of discussion (panel chairs TBD) · Times are CET (UTC+1)									
Room key: two balanced parallel tracks; room assignments are not exclusive to one conference · Mode key: PRESENCE / ONLINE / TBC									
Date	Time	Room	Conference	Type	Panel	Presenter / Activity		Paper / Detail	Mode
Thu, Nov 5, 2026	18:00–18:30	Common area · TBC	Both conferences	Keynote speech		Keynote speech · Alison Bashford 30 minutes			
Thu, Nov 5, 2026	18:30–open end	Common area · TBC	Both conferences	Joint event		Informal get-together		Open end	
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	09:00–09:10	Common area · TBC	Both conferences	Welcome address		Welcome address · Marta Hanson		10 minutes	
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	09:10–09:20	Common area · TBC	Both conferences	Welcome address		Welcome address · Stéphanie Homola		10 minutes	
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	09:20–09:30	Common area · TBC	Both conferences	Welcome address		Welcome address · Michael Lackner		10 minutes	
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	09:30–09:35	Common area · TBC	Both conferences	Welcome address		Welcome address · Xu Baofeng		5 minutes	
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	09:35–09:55	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCS&D/Divination	Presentation	Arabic, Hebrew, and Latin Traditions, Especially Geomancy	Charles Burnett	The Practice of Divination as Part of the Curriculum of Arabic-Latin Studies in Toledo in the Later Twelfth Century		ONLINE
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	09:55–10:15	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCS&D/Divination	Presentation	Arabic, Hebrew, and Latin Traditions, Especially Geomancy	Sally Abed	From Bata to Dublin via the Comoros: The Journey of an Arabic Geomantic Treatise on James Cook's Third Voyage		PRESENCE
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	10:15–10:35	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCS&D/Divination	Presentation	Arabic, Hebrew, and Latin Traditions, Especially Geomancy	Josefina Rodriguez Arribas	Abraham ibn Ezra's Geomantic Texts and Their European Tradition		PRESENCE
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	10:35–10:55	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCS&D/Divination	Presentation	Arabic, Hebrew, and Latin Traditions, Especially Geomancy	Petra Schmidl	Arabic Prognostic Manuals – Practices and Presentations		PRESENCE
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	10:55–11:15	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCS&D/Divination	Discussion	Arabic, Hebrew, and Latin Traditions, Especially Geomancy	Panel discussion	20-minute discussion following the panel		
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	09:35–09:55	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Hands as Mnemonic and Cosmological Instruments	Xing Wang	Tang Period 3-Finger Method for Doing Yijing		MODE TBC
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	09:55–10:15	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Hands as Mnemonic and Cosmological Instruments	Wan-Chun Cheng	Destiny Tied to the Stars: Calculating One's Life Destiny through Palm Mnemonics		PRESENCE
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	10:15–10:35	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Hands as Mnemonic and Cosmological Instruments	Stéphanie Homola	Hand Diagrams as Epistemic Bridges: Rethinking Knowledge Stratification in Chinese Calendars and Almanacs		PRESENCE
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	10:35–10:55	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Hands as Mnemonic and Cosmological Instruments	CongCong Ren	Gesture and the Ruler: Hand Techniques and Cosmological Measurement in Chinese Building Practice		PRESENCE — TBC
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	10:55–11:15	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Discussion	Hands as Mnemonic and Cosmological Instruments	Panel discussion	20-minute discussion following the panel		
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	11:15–11:40	Both rooms		Break		Coffee break			
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	11:40–12:00	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCS&D/Divination	Presentation	Fate, Persuasion, Law, and Social Institutions	Radu Bikir	The Bureaucracy of Fate: Divination, Moral Accounting, and the Administration of Destiny in Medieval China		PRESENCE
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	12:00–12:20	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCS&D/Divination	Presentation	Fate, Persuasion, Law, and Social Institutions	Lu Zhao	Divination as a Form of Persuasion		PRESENCE
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	12:20–12:40	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCS&D/Divination	Presentation	Fate, Persuasion, Law, and Social Institutions	Ullrich Kleinhempel	The Recognition of Bantu Divination in South African Law, and the Pathways to Its Reception		PRESENCE
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	12:40–13:00	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCS&D/Divination	Presentation	Fate, Persuasion, Law, and Social Institutions	Ziyu Wang	From Hopeless Labour to Hope Consumption: The Navigation of Chinese Internet Giant Workers during the Industry's Downturn		PRESENCE
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	13:00–13:20	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCS&D/Divination	Discussion	Fate, Persuasion, Law, and Social Institutions	Panel discussion	20-minute discussion following the panel		
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	11:40–12:00	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Reading Bodies: Medicine, Physiognomy, and Diagnosis	Asaf Goldschmidt	Transformations in Pulse Taking in Twelfth-Century China		MODE TBC
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	12:00–12:20	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Reading Bodies: Medicine, Physiognomy, and Diagnosis	Chia-Feng Chang	Reading Fingers and Faces: Innovations in Pediatrics from Jin to Song Dynasty		PRESENCE — TBC
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	12:20–12:40	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Reading Bodies: Medicine, Physiognomy, and Diagnosis	Dominique Hertzner	The Shanghan qianfa: Divining Chinese Medical Prescriptions		PRESENCE
Fri, Nov 6, 2026	12:40–13:00	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Reading Bodies: Medicine, Physiognomy, and Diagnosis	Chang Xu	Military & Manchu Med in the Qin		PRESENCE
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Fri, Nov 6, 2026	13:20–15:00	Both rooms		Break		Lunch			

Fri, Nov 6, 2026 15:00–16:30	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCSD/Divination	Track session		Conference A methods roundtable		
Fri, Nov 6, 2026 15:00–16:30	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Track session		Conference B methods roundtable		
Fri, Nov 6, 2026 After 16:30	Individual arrangements	Both conferences	Free time		Individual conversations and dinner plans	The rest of the day is free for individual conversations and dinner plans.	
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 09:00–09:20	Large room · ~30+	A+B · Joint thematic panel	Presentation	Yijing, Astral Timekeeping, and Algorithmic Knowledge	Johan Hausen	The Nine Sages: The Mythological Founders of the Yi Jing	ONLINE
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 09:20–09:40	Large room · ~30+	A+B · Joint thematic panel	Presentation	Yijing, Astral Timekeeping, and Algorithmic Knowledge	Shenmi Song	A Study on the Chinese Twenty-Eight Mansions Time-Keeping System from the Song to Ming Dynasties	ONLINE
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 09:40–10:00	Large room · ~30+	A+B · Joint thematic panel	Presentation	Yijing, Astral Timekeeping, and Algorithmic Knowledge	Ning Hu	Formalising Fate: Modelling Chinese Bazi Astrology as an Algorithmic Religious Knowledge System	ONLINE
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 10:00–10:20	Large room · ~30+	A+B · Joint thematic panel	Presentation	Yijing, Astral Timekeeping, and Algorithmic Knowledge	Brian Baumann	Uncommon Genius: Chinese Stars in Buddhist Genii locorum Divination	PRESENCE
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 10:20–10:40	Large room · ~30+	A+B · Joint thematic panel	Presentation	Yijing, Astral Timekeeping, and Algorithmic Knowledge	Xinyu Zhang	Prediction of the Past: Historical Narratives and Hemerological Reasoning in the Yan Zhao Manuscript	PRESENCE
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Sat, Nov 7, 2026 09:00–09:20	Small room · ~15	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Omen Theory and Classical Astrology	Dorian Greenbaum	Dorian Greenbaum, A Selection of Predictive Practices and Their Interpretations in the Work of the Astrologer Vettius Valens	PRESENCE
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 09:20–09:40	Small room · ~15	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Omen Theory and Classical Astrology	Ann Guinan	African Geomancy and Ancient Mesopotamia	PRESENCE
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 09:40–10:00	Small room · ~15	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Omen Theory and Classical Astrology	Stephan Heilen	Tarutius of Firmum's Creative Use of Elements of Late Babylonian Astrology	PRESENCE
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 10:00–10:20	Small room · ~15	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Omen Theory and Classical Astrology	Levente Lázló	The Evolution of Zodiacal Dignities and Debilities in Astrology	PRESENCE
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 10:20–10:40	Small room · ~15	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Omen Theory and Classical Astrology	Cristian Tolsa	Where Is the Board in Graeco-Roman Astrological Manuals	PRESENCE
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Sat, Nov 7, 2026 11:00–11:30	Both rooms		Break		Coffee break		
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 11:30–11:50	Large room · ~30+	A+B · Joint thematic panel	Presentation	Yijing, Astral Timekeeping, and Algorithmic Knowledge	Lan Xing	The Zoo in the Heavens: The History and Functionality of Yanqin	PRESENCE
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 11:50–13:00	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCSD/Divination	Track session		Conference A source workshop / internal discussion		
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 11:30–13:00	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Track session		Conference B source workshop / internal discussion		
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 13:00–15:00	Both rooms		Break		Lunch and break		
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 15:00–15:20	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Objects and Living Practices of Divination	Knut Graw	The Mantic Life of Things: Divination Objects in Senegal	PRESENCE
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 15:20–15:40	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Objects and Living Practices of Divination	Philip Egbule	From Shrine to School: Negotiating Indigenous Divination and Formal Religious Education in South-South Nigeria	PRESENCE
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 15:40–16:00	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Objects and Living Practices of Divination	Fabian Graham	Exploring the Paradoxical Conundrums of Fate, Free Will, Efficacy, Probability and Interpretation Generated by Ritual Divination Using 'Moon Blocks' in Chinese Contexts: Ethnographic Accounts and Ontological Analyses of Contemporary Divination in Singapore, Malaysia, and Taiwan	MODE TBC
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 16:00–16:20	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Objects and Living Practices of Divination	Rolf Scheuermann	Questions of Fortune and Wealth in Tibetan Buddhist Divination Manuals	PRESENCE — TBC
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 16:20–16:40	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Objects and Living Practices of Divination	Robert LaFleur	Living Divination: Everyday Practice and Propitiation on China's 'Longevity Mountain'	MODE TBC
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Sat, Nov 7, 2026 15:00–15:20	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Comparative Chiromancy and Bodily Divination	Marta Hanson & Stefano Rapisarda	The European 'Zodiac Man' and the Chinese '12-Branch Body' as Mnemonic Tables: Comparing Divination and Bodily Arts of Memory in Europe and China	PRESENCE — TBC
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 15:20–15:40	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Comparative Chiromancy and Bodily Divination	Stefano Rapisarda	Roots and Development of Western Chiromancy	MODE TBC
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 15:40–16:00	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Comparative Chiromancy and Bodily Divination	Su-Yeon Seo	Reading the Hand, Pinching the Fingers: Narrative and Illustration as Media of Divinatory Knowledge in Jinghua Yuan	MODE TBC
Sat, Nov 7, 2026 16:00–16:20	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Comparative Chiromancy and Bodily Divination	Hanna Tervanotko	"He possesses a spirit with six parts light, but three parts in the House of Darkness" (4Q186:7-8): Physiognomy as a Predictive Practice in Jewish Antiquity	ONLINE

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Sat, Nov 7, 2026 19:00–22:00	External venue · TBC	Both conferences	Joint event		Conference dinner		
Sun, Nov 8, 2026 09:00–09:20	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Synchronicity, Interpretation, and Claims to Knowledge	Jinchao Zeng	Panel Contribution: Synchronicity in Astrology, Yijing, and Palmistry	ONLINE
Sun, Nov 8, 2026 09:20–09:40	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Synchronicity, Interpretation, and Claims to Knowledge	Nathan Fraikin	Panel Contribution: Synchronicity in Astrology, Yijing, and Palmistry	ONLINE
Sun, Nov 8, 2026 09:40–10:00	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Synchronicity, Interpretation, and Claims to Knowledge	Alexandra Nagel	Panel Contribution: Synchronicity in Astrology, Yijing, and Palmistry	PRESENCE
Sun, Nov 8, 2026 10:00–10:20	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Synchronicity, Interpretation, and Claims to Knowledge	Michael Lackner	Wen Tianxiang's (1236-1283) Poems for Diviners	PRESENCE
Sun, Nov 8, 2026 10:20–10:40	Large room · ~30+	A · ISCSD/Divination	Presentation	Synchronicity, Interpretation, and Claims to Knowledge	Francesco Pigato	Predicting Accurately or Showcasing Expertise? The Epistemic Claims of Contemporary Astrology in Practitioners' Journals and Newsletters	PRESENCE
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Sun, Nov 8, 2026 09:20–09:40	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Manual, Temporal, and Visual Techniques	Yu Gao	The Five Hidden Tigers: Method to Determine the Month	MODE TBC
Sun, Nov 8, 2026 09:40–10:00	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Manual, Temporal, and Visual Techniques	Matthias Hayek	The Rules and Roles of the Thumb: Divinatory Uses of the Hand in 17th-Century Japan	MODE TBC
Sun, Nov 8, 2026 10:00–10:20	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Manual, Temporal, and Visual Techniques	Michael Kinski	It Lies In Your Hands: Weather Forecasting in Early Modern Japan	MODE TBC
Sun, Nov 8, 2026 10:20–10:40	Small room · ~15	B · Hanson/KH	Presentation	Manual, Temporal, and Visual Techniques	Xinyu Zheng	Predicting Climate with the Hands: Embodied Practice in Yunqi Learning in Late Imperial China	PRESENCE
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Sun, Nov 8, 2026 11:00–11:30	Both rooms		Break		Coffee break		
Sun, Nov 8, 2026 11:30–12:30	Common area · TBC Common / external area · TBC	Both conferences	Joint event		Joint synthesis and closing discussion	Both conferences	
Sun, Nov 8, 2026 12:30–14:00		Both conferences	Joint event		Farewell lunch	Formal programme ends after lunch	