The relevance of the Newly Identified Texts from Xiapu (Fujian) for the Study of Chinese Manichaeism

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Manichaeism was founded by Mānī (ca. 216–277 AD) in Iran and spread eastward along the Silk Road, arriving at China in the 7th century. It survived in the southeastern regions, especially in Zhejiang and Fujian, for centuries, while it disappeared completely outside China. In 2009, new Chinese Manichaean texts were identified in Xiapu county, Fujian. The present talk offers an introduction to these new texts and explores their relevance for the study of Chinese Manichaeism.

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