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INVITATION TO THE PRESS PREVIEW

Kulturforum, Kunstbibliothek

Matthäikirchplatz, 10785 Berlin

Tue – Fri 10 am – 6 pm, Sat + Sun 11 am – 6 pm

Exchanging Gazes. Between China and Europe 1669–1907

29 September 2017 – 7 January 2018

An exhibition of the – Staatliche Museen zu Berlin in cooperation with the Max Planck Research Group “Objects in the Contact Zone: The Cross-Cultural Lives of Things” at the Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florence – Max Planck Institute.

Press preview: Thursday, 28 September 2017, 11 am

Opening: Thursday, 28 September 2017, 7 pm

We would like to invite you to the press conference of the exhibition “**Exchanging Gazes. Between China and Europe 1669–1907**” on **Thursday, 28 September 2017, 11 am** at Kunstbibliothek.

China and Europe are linked by a long tradition of reciprocal cultural exchange. These transactions were particularly intensive during the Qing dynasty (1644–1911), which is regarded as one of the key phases of Chinese cultural and political history. Exquisite gifts were exchanged. European envoys attempted to establish official trade relations with China. But their efforts were in vain, as the Chinese established trade barriers, with the exception of the port of Canton – although they were very much interested in European science, art, and culture.

The exhibition illustrates the richly varied nature of this mutual fascination in objects ranging in date between 1669 and 1907. Many of the almost one hundred pieces could be classified as ‘Chinoiserie’ or so-called ‘Europerie’: They provide us with information about early modern European images of China and also allow us to trace the predominant images of Europe in China. Highlights of the exhibition include impressive paintings, exquisite porcelain objects, a door from a wood-paneled room, as well as large-format photographs and copper engravings.

In attendance:

Joachim Brand

Acting director of the Kunstbibliothek – Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

Eva-Maria Troelenberg

Head of the Max Planck Research Group “Objects in the Contact Zone – The Cross-Cultural Lives of Things”

Matthias Weiß

Curator of the exhibition

To attend the press preview, please send us an E-mail **until Wednesday, 27 September 2017:** presse@smb.spk-berlin.de.

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