



## Ritual Revolutions and Parallel Universes

### The Chinese Temple Network from Putian to Southeast Asia

Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 18:15–22:00  
Ethnographic Museum, Pelikanstrasse 40, CH-8001 Zurich

## Guest Lecture with Film Screening by Prof. Kenneth Dean, McGill University

A network of Chinese temples was established in Southeast Asia over a 500 year process. These temples were centers of worship, but also of business and trade. They were also points of contact with local cultures, and the sites of many experiments in ritual change and cultural interaction and hybridity. Successful socio-cultural and institutional changes were adapted back in the home regions of the Chinese diaspora, making Southeast Asia a vast field of experimentation and enriching the local cultural repertoire.

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#### Film Screening of “Bored in Heaven”

“Bored in Heaven” (2010) is an 80-minutes documentary, which highlights the ritual celebrations around Chinese New Years in Putian, Fujian, China.