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Images of Fate

Picturing Good and Bad Fortune in Edo Japan

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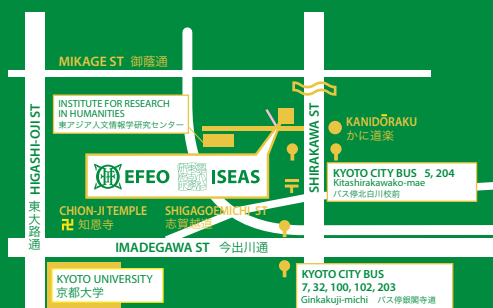
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Matthias Hayek is Professor at the École Pratique des Hautes Études-PSL. His research focuses on the reception, adaptation, and uses of Chinese correlative cosmology in Japan. He is the author of *Les Mutations du Yin et du Yang : divination, société et représentations au Japon, du vi^e au xix^e siècle* (2021).

From day selection to weather forecasting, divination was widely used in Edo-period society, as evidenced by the variety of printed books and manuscripts produced on the subject. Many of these works include diagrams as well as images depicting the possible fates awaiting clients and readers. This lecture will sketch the history of such images, explore their distinctive features, and consider the role they may have played in shaping and disseminating social norms.



Yijing divination explained with pictures (易占画解), National Diet Library Shinjo collection



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