The Journey of Bringing Manchu Online

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Prior registration is required
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Abstract

Manchu was one of the official languages of governance during the Qing (1636-1912), one of the largest land empires in human history. After the fall of the Qing, the role of Manchu was soon forgotten, as was the vast corpus of Manchu texts. It was not until the 1990s that scholars started to show a renewed interst in the importance of Manchu language and culture. In this context Fresco Sam-Sin and Léon Rodenburg started to build a set of fundamental tools for the study of Manchu texts: Manc.hu (2014), DEBTELIN (2016), Buleku.org and QingMaps (2017). Our mission was to place original Manchu sources at the fingertips of everyone with an interest in Qing autochthonous history, society and culture. This talk will discuss all aspects of our journey, also opening up about how our need to make speed sometimes had to ignore good linguistic practice.

Speaker

Fresco Sam-Sin (1982) built up Manchu studies at Leiden University. In that capacity Sam-Sin taught Manchu at all levels. Today, Sam-Sin is the managing director of the Taalmuseum (Language Museum) and project lead at Things That Talk; he is a research associate at the Research Center for Material Culture and at Leiden University Centre for Linguistics at Leiden University. His professional goals are to share and create innovative infrastructures for the humanities, and to help scholars and students engage with museums, collections and society.

All are Welcome