

## RBS-MELLON SYMPOSIUM

# *Eccentric Readings in East Asia*

Why did some people produce idiosyncratic texts that defied the norms of reading and writing of their period? How did these practices change social actors' relationship to political or religious authorities? What information can we obtain from the nontextual elements of documents, and in what ways does this kind of information help us better understand the meanings of texts?

By exploring the important and rich textual tradition of East Asia, this half-day symposium hopes to expand our understanding of the relationship between written culture and sociocultural power. By focusing on material and nontextual aspects of premodern East Asian texts, it aims to diversify our approaches to textual studies.

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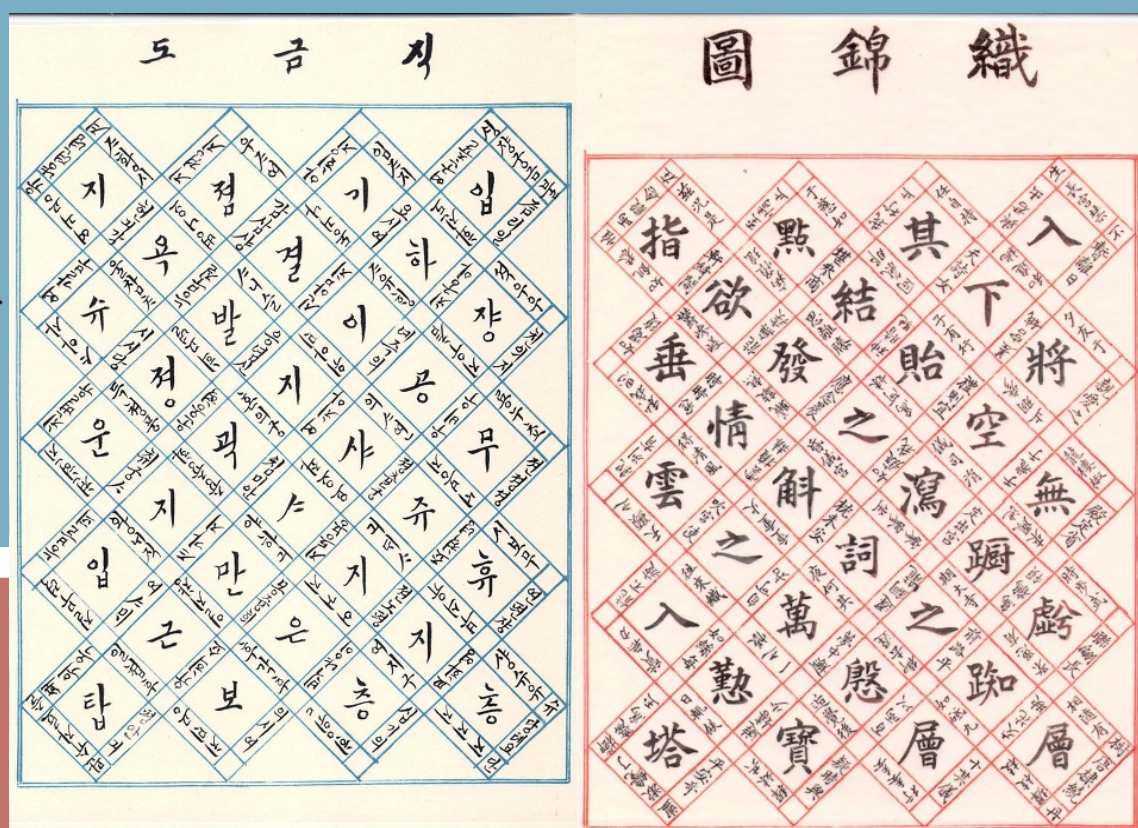
University of Cambridge

*Unconventional Ways of Writing Chinese in Dunhuang*

**Charlotte Eubanks**

Pennsylvania State University

*Jumping and Twisting: Reading Buddhist Doxix through the Praxis of Popular Board Games*



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**FRIDAY, APRIL 21**

**3:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

**WEST LECTURE HALL**

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*This event is free and open to the public*