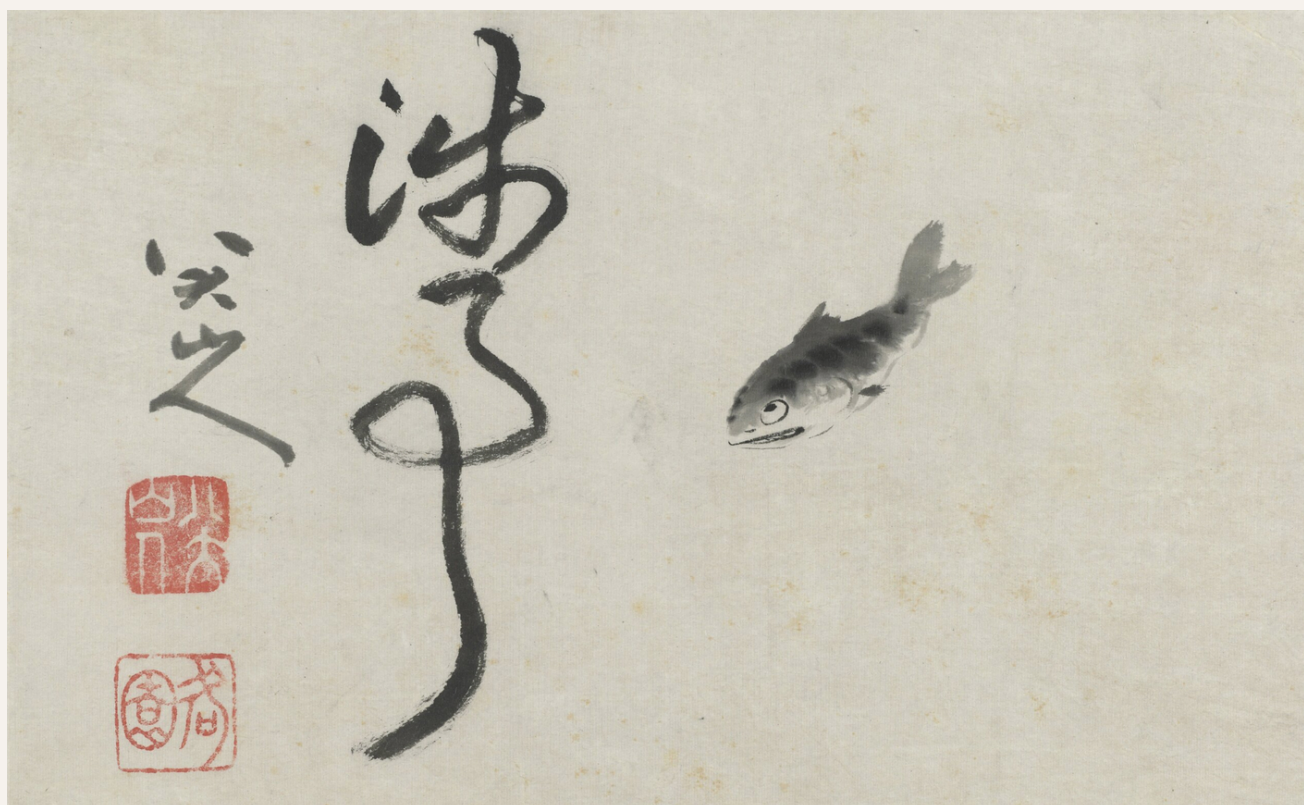




Zhu Da 朱耷 (1626–1705), leaf from the *Album of Sketches*. Shuge.org.

Linguistic Features as Text Structuring Devices in Early Chinese Texts

Digital Humanities Approaches and Beyond

International Workshop · 5–7 October 2026

This workshop explores how early Chinese texts deploy linguistic features as integral components of meaning construction—ranging from sound repetition and parallelism to graphic variation and indexical structures. By bringing digital and philological methodologies into dialogue, we tackle pressing contemporary questions concerning human-machine/AI co-interpretation: how might we engage critically and rigorously with machine-mined textual patterns? Intentionally interdisciplinary in scope, this event welcomes contributions that probe the methodological limits of either analytical approach.

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Program

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Monday · 5 October 2026 *Venue: KOL-N-1*

10:00–10:10 **Welcome Address**

10:10–12:00	Thomas Van Hoey <i>Talk & Discussion</i>	Balancing Manual and Statistical Approaches to Study Chinese ‘Light’ Ideophones Throughout Time
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12:00–14:00 Lunch Break

14:00–16:00	Thomas Van Hoey <i>Workshop</i>	R for (Classical) Chinese Text-Based Data Science: How Does R Work and What Can It Do?
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16:00–16:15 Coffee Break

16:15–18:15	Thomas Van Hoey <i>Workshop</i>	R for (Classical) Chinese Text-Based Data Science: Intro to Working with Text, Esp. Chinese Text
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Tuesday · 6 October 2026 *Venue: KOL-G-212*

09:00–11:00	Michele Pulini <i>Talk & Discussion</i>	Playing Lego with Historical Phonology: Some Examples from the Excavated <i>Cao Mo zhi zhen</i> 曹沫之陳
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11:00–11:15 Coffee Break

11:15–12:15	Johann-Mattis List <i>Talk</i>	Digital Data Processing in Chinese Linguistics
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12:15–14:00 Lunch Break

14:00–16:00	Johann-Mattis List <i>Workshop</i>	Crash Course
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16:00–16:15 Coffee Break

16:15–18:15	Johann-Mattis List <i>Workshop</i>	Crash Course
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Wednesday · 7 October 2026 *Venue: KOL-G-212*

10:00–12:00	Federico Valenti & Flaminia Pischedda <i>Talk & Discussion</i>	Aural Maps of Early Chinese Texts: Introducing a Computational Approach to Phonological Patterning
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12:00–14:00 Lunch Break

14:00–16:00	Mirko Bergamini <i>Talk & Discussion</i>	More than a Poetic Device: Rhymes and Phono-Rhetorical Structures in Ancient Chinese Technical Texts
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16:00–16:15 Coffee Break

16:15–17:15	Final Discussion
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