

COLLOQUIUM BY MARK SCHOLL

COGNITION AND CULTURE: COMPARING AND CONTRASTING ENGLISH HEART AND MANDARIN 心 XĪN 'HEART'

TIME: 5:30-6:30 PM, MONDAY, 22 JANUARY 2018

VENUE: ACADEMIC BUILDING 1079

Cognition and Culture: Comparing and Contrasting English Heart and Mandarin 心 xīn 'heart'

Speaker: Mark Scholl, B.A. in Spanish, M.A. in TESOL.

* The event is also a faculty recruitment seminar for Language and Culture Center.

ABSTRACT:

Over the past few decades, the branch of cognitive linguistics has grown tremendously in its exploration of how language serves as a tool for conceptualizing the world. This presentation provides a brief overview of key insights from cognitive linguistics with special attention given to comparing and contrasting the concepts heart and xīn in English and Mandarin, respectively. Examples will be provided to demonstrate that, while the term heart represents the seat of emotions in English, xīn represents both emotion and thought in Mandarin. The presentation will close with suggestions and applications for language and culture learning drawn from this introduction to cognitive linguistics.

BIO:

Mark Scholl holds a B.A. in Spanish, an M.A. in TESOL, and is currently completing his second graduate degree in Linguistics. He spent over five years teaching English at the university level in Guangdong Province while studying Mandarin. His research interests include language and identity, second-language acquisition, and the interplay of language, culture, and thought.

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Hope to see you all.

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