

Introduction

Project Title:	Literati and Military Men in Local Regimes from Late Tang to Early Song							
Main Questions:	As long as Five Dynasties is believed an era of military men, why as soon as Song was established, military men lost their power so quickly without any drastic resistance?							
Main Sources:	Epigraphs and Inscriptions VS Official History							
Database in process:	Database of Epigraphs in Five Dynasties (周阿根:《五代墓志汇考》)							



Example of the Database

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Content: Name of the Epigraph; Owner of the Epigraph; Official Positions, Native Place,

Working Place, Kinship of the Owner; Writer of the Epigraph..... 63 categories in total

How to Extract and Read the Information from the Epigraphs

- 1. Read the epigraphs carefully, find the related information and type into the excel manually.
- 2. Use Markus to read and check the epigraphs once again. (OCR first)



Why Digital Methods Matter in my Project

- ♦ Digital Tools:
- Markus helps to read and extract information, in case of any missing.
- Excel helps to filter one certain kind of information, do quick search, or reorder the information.
- Further studies: network analysis.....
 - ♦ Beyond Digital Tools:
- Be sensitive to important information
- The possibility to do quantitative analysis in Medieval Chinese history
- Make myself more clear with the help of the forms (compared to notes)
- Digital thoughts and new questions......

To be continued

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If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to send to me. Thanks in advance. L(^o^)-J