New Chinese Resources: Two Brill Reference Tools

Yale University Library has recently acquired two Brill online reference tools related to Chinese studies: Chinese-English Dictionary Online and Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics. The resources have been added to the Library’s Orbis online catalog [1] and Chinese Studies subject guide-Reference [2].

Chinese-English Dictionary Online [3] is a part of Brill Online Chinese Reference Shelf. This is a practical lexicon of more than 8,330 characters arranged alphabetically by Pinyin romanization, designed to facilitate reading historical, literary, and religious texts from the Warring State period through the Tang dynasty (500-1000 CE). Based on Paul Kroll's A Student's Dictionary of Classical and Medieval Chinese, with additional materials to be added.

Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics [4] is a part of Brill Online Reference Works. In more than 450 articles written by major specialists in the field, the database provides an authoritative and systematic
treatment of the languages of China today and in the past, and the different linguistic traditions in which they have been studied. In addition to a synthesis of the most important research in Chinese linguistics, the Encyclopedia offers up-to-date bibliographical coverage. It covers the history of Chinese linguistics (both indigenous and Western traditions), the history of languages in China and their status today, the lexicon, syntax and sound structure of the Sinitic and non-Sinitic languages of China (including sign languages), psycho- and neurolinguistics studies, and more. This is an early release version: content being added, expected completion early 2016.

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