

Sorting Through Competing Reconstructions of Old Chinese

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A Very Selective Bibliography

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GSR numbers are still a convenient standard reference point, but reconstructions are terribly outdated by the standards of the field.

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The above is a complete system, but has now been considerably modified by Baxter. For some examples of changes, see:

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Gong, Hwang-cherng. 2002. *Collected Papers on Sino-Tibetan Linguistics*. (Language and Linguistics Monograph Series, C2-2.) Taipei: Institute of Linguistics (Preparatory Office), Academia Sinica.

Gong’s evolving reconstruction system is detailed in the various papers from 1990-2001 reprinted in the above.

Sagart, Laurent. 1999. *The roots of Old Chinese*. Amsterdam, Philadelphia: John Benjamins

Zhèng-Zhāng Shàngfāng. 2003. *Shàngǔ Yīnxì* 上古音系 [*Old Chinese Phonology*] Shanghai: Jiàoyù Chūbǎnshè.

A more accessible English-language description of Zheng-Zhang’s system, though it was revised somewhat in the 2003 publication, is:

Zhèng-Zhāng Shàngfāng. 2000. *The phonological system of Old Chinese*. (Collection des Cahiers de Linguistique Asie Orientale, 5.) Paris: École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Centre de Recherches Linguistiques sur l’Asie Orientale.

For more on word families/etymologies and “minimal Old Chinese”, see:

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