

Seminar Course
From Imperial Faith to Republican Religion

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This seminar examines the evolving relationship between state power, ritual practice, and religious belief in Chinese history, with particular attention to the transformation from imperial systems of worship to modern conceptions of "religion."

The course consists of six sessions, each lasting two hours and comprising a lecture followed by group discussion. The six sessions are structured as follows:

1. State Rituals in Imperial China;
2. Localizing State Rituals (I): The Case of the Altar of Agriculture;
3. Localizing State Rituals (II): Rituals for the Dead and Vernacular Religion;
4. Prison God Temples and Religious Practice within the Local Yamen;
5. When "Religion" Entered China;
6. The Development of Modern Confucianism; From Religification to Secularization.

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