

Religiosities and Religions in Chinese Culture: A Selective Overview

The Chinese cultural region offers a fascination spectrum of different religions and religiosities, organized as well as spontaneous, indigenous as well as adopted and adapted. This series of four lectures introduces selective features of Chinese cultural religiosities, and addresses questions such as: What sort of features distinguish Chinese religions or religiosities from those belonging to the Judeo-Christian tradition? How have religious movements fared in Chinese society throughout the ages and in modernity? What foreign religions have managed to establish themselves in the Chinese cultural area and how? The individual lecture topics are as follows:

1. Chinese 'Religiosities' and the Changing Status of Religious Movements in China's Recent History.
2. 'Popular' or 'Diffused' Religion in China.
3. Buddhism's Quiet Partner: Daoism and Its Current Revival in China.
4. Successful Outsiders? Imported Religions in the Chinese Cultural Sphere.

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