



Islamic China: Sino-Indian entanglement and the myth of the Han Kitab



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This lecture recovers forgotten Islamic entanglements of China and India during the 17th – 18th centuries. Historical accounts of Chinese Muslims have often emphasized their Chinese-language literature, to the exclusion of Persian and Arabic texts, characterizing Chinese Muslims as an isolated community engaged in the extraordinary production of a syncretic Islam. Tracing Sino-Indian linkage upends this narrative and shows how essentialist ideas of China and Islam have quietly persisted in our histories of both.

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