

Redrawing and Straddling Borders

International Symposium

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Chinese Muslims in Transnational Fields and Multilingual Literatures

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Venue

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Main Building 京都大学人文科学研究所本館
(4F Conference Room), Research Bldg. No.4,
Kyoto University

December 1st

Redrawing Boundaries between "Us" and "Others" in Response to Changing Historical Circumstances

- 10:30-11:00 Registration
11:00-11:30 Opening **NAKANISHI Tatsuya** 中西竜也 (Kyoto University) and **WANG-KANDA Liulan** 王柳蘭 (Doshisha University)

Chinese Muslims' Identity Negotiation in Various Historical Contexts

- 11:30-12:30 **NAKANISHI Tatsuya** (Kyoto University)
Family, Umma, and Nation: Multilayered and Dynamic Identities of Chinese Muslims
12:30-14:00 Lunch
14:00-15:00 **ZHAO Yuanhao** 趙元昊 (Institute of Ethnic Literature, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)
Boundaries of Hui: About Wartime Ethnic "Identity"

Religious Boundaries for Chinese Muslims

- 15:10-16:10 **Aaron GLASSERMAN** (Columbia University)
Way of Heaven, Way of Man: Boundaries of the Shari'a in Qing and Republican China
16:20-17:20 **Suchart SETTHAMALINEE** (Payap University)
Different Religious Practices and "Others" in Northern Thailand
17:10-18:30 Discussion

December 2nd

Straddling Spatial, Cultural, or Ethnic Boundaries

- 8:30-9:00 Registration
Chinese Muslims' Straggles: Bridging the Cultures from China and Other Regions
9:00-10:00 **Dror WEIL** (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science)
Transcending Linguistic Boundaries in Late Imperial China: The Case of *Mirṣād al-ṣibād*
10:10-11:10 **Diana WONG** (Universiti Sains Malaysia)
Overseas Hui Entrepreneurs and the Globalisation of Qingzhen Ethnic Food: A Case Study of Malaysia

Chinese Muslims and Other Chinese Minorities

- 11:20-12:20 **Marie-Paule HILLE** (École des hautes études en sciences sociales)
Legacy, Sociability, Moving Borders: An Ethnography of Trade Relationship between Chinese Muslims and Tibetans in Amdo
12:20-13:50 Lunch
13:50-14:50 **WANG Jianxin** 王建新 (Lanzhou University)
Socio-Cultural Similarities and Differences among Different Muslim Groups in Mainland China: An Approach toward the Multiculturalism in Muslim Minorities

Chinese Muslim Diaspora

- 15:00-16:00 **WANG-KANDA Liulan** (Doshisha University)
Border-crossing, Belonging and Family networks among Chinese Muslim Diaspora in Northern Thailand
16:10-17:10 **MA Hailong** 馬海龍 (Qinghai Nationalities University)
At Home in Diaspora: The Chinese Hui Migrants in Malaysia
17:20-17:50 Concluding Discussion



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Theme Explanation

The term “border” here denotes that which separates “us” from “others.” Such “borders” include physical obstacles such as deserts and oceans, legal demarcations such as national borders and nationalities, and cultural traits such as religion and language. These “borders” between “our” and “their” sides emerge and disappear in different time and space. These can also qualitatively change depending on the contexts. As a result, borders have produced isolation, interaction, conflict, and friendship among people. The participants in this symposium examine this dynamic aspect of “borders” in the case of Chinese Muslims, or Hui Muslims, with the aim of identifying clues that could support a multicultural coexistence.

Hui Muslims, who were to some extent “sinicized” descendants of Muslim immigrants to China from various Asian regions, established their distinctive communities across China between the second half of the 15th century until the first half of the 16th century. Subsequently, the descendants of the Muslim immigrants survived in China and in other countries as well. In the process, Hui Muslims negotiated their identities not only with non-Muslim Han people, the ethnic majority in China, but also with non-Han people including non-Hui Muslims from either within or outside the country. Through this negotiation, Chinese-speaking Muslims have fostered a multi-layered sense of belonging that, in order to secure their survival, they express in word and deed differently depending on various situations. This symposium aims at scrutinizing the plurality and variability of how Hui Muslims have displayed their thoughts and practices regarding “border.” Essentially, we address how Chinese Muslims redraw, straddle, and dislocate across “borders,” or manipulate relations between “themselves” and “others,” under different conditions and contexts.

Although previous studies unilaterally and statistically stressed the simultaneousness of “Muslim-ness” and “Chinese-ness” in the Huis’ self-image, we attempt to reconsider it from multi-directional and dynamic perspectives. Thus, we focus on diverse relations between Huis and various ethnic groups in different times and spaces including China and other countries.

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