

THE EAST ASIA CENTER PRESENTS

A TALK BY

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***DAOIST ABBOT LI ZONGYANG,
CLERICAL ACTIVISM AND
MODERN REFORMS IN
NANYANG, 1880-1949***

LIU XUN IS A HISTORIAN OF LATE IMPERIAL AND MODERN CHINA WITH A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE HISTORY OF DAOISM AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO CHINESE SOCIETY AND CULTURE. HE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A MONOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE DAOIST TEMPLES AND LOCAL SOCIETY IN NANYANG IN CENTRAL CHINA FROM THE MID-17TH CENTURY TO THE PRESENT. HE IS INTERESTED IN THE VARIOUS ROLES DAOISTS AND THEIR TEMPLES PLAY IN SHAPING THE STRUCTURES, INSTITUTIONS, AND PRACTICES OF LOCAL CULTURE AND SOCIETY, AND HOW THEY HAVE CHANGED OVER TIME IN THEIR INTERACTION WITH THE MODERNIZING STATE, GLOBALIZING ECONOMY, AND LOCAL RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS. ASIDE FROM THE MONOGRAPHIC STUDY IN NANYANG, HE IS ALSO CO-EDITING TWO CRITICAL ANTHOLOGIES ON THE EVOLVING ROLES OF DAOIST TEMPLES, RITUALS, AND PRACTICES IN MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY CHINA.

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