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“The Trouble with Chineseness: Song Loyalists, Ming Borderlands, and Post-colonial Hong Kong”

To understand China is, in many ways, to be mindful of how its self-proclaimed political and opinion leaders have tried to stretch—in the words of the late Benedict Anderson (1936–2015)—“the short, tight, skin of the nation over the gigantic body of the empire.” While “China” as a political and cultural entity has certainly been an object of imagination, how such imaginations have been manifested have changed over time. This talk will draw on three distinct research projects (that range, in terms of temporal scope, from the Song dynasty to the present) and will explain how the particular case studies could, individually as well as collectively, shed light on the trouble with various claims of “Chineseness”.

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