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THE SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES PRESENTS

PRINT CULTURE IN COMPARITIVE PERSPECTIVE: CHINA AND THE WEST

A FORUM ORGANISED BY THE CULTURAL
HISTORY OF ECONOMIES RESEARCH HUB

2.30 Everyday Life in China's Early Republic: Evidence
from Funü Shibao (The Women's Eastern Times)
Joan Judge, Associate Professor
Division of Humanities and the School of Women's Studies, York University, Toronto

This paper will explain the methodology that informs a study of the journal Funü Shibao (The Women's Eastern Times, Shanghai, 1911-1917) and the larger international, collaborative project that it is part of. Through a close reading of the journal's columns and images, Associate Professor Judge will probe what the journal reveals not just about the representation but the materiality of everyday life in China's new Republic.

3.15 Afternoon Tea

3.30 Reading Germany: Literature and Consumer
Culture in Germany Before 1933
Gideon Reuveni, Lecturer
School of Historical Studies, University of Melbourne

By closely examining the interaction between intellectual and material culture in the period before the Nazis came to power in Germany, this paper argues that, contrary to widely held assumptions, consumer culture in the Weimar period, far from undermining reading, used reading culture to enhance its goods and values.

4.00 Popular Literature of the Lower Yangzi Delta
Region Late 19th-Early 20th Centuries
Anne McLaren, Associate Professor
Asia Institute, University of Melbourne

Popular song texts flourished in the affluent Yangzi Delta region during the waning years of the imperial system and the early Republican period. Commercial publishers seized the opportunity to edit and produce narrative texts in imitation of the performance tradition, particularly stories of romance and passion. The imperial state, on the other hand, sought to burn the woodblocks used in producing song books in order to suppress the circulation of these 'licentious' texts.



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