

Distinguished Lecture: *Before Silent Spring - The Emergence of Ecological Consciousness in China and the West* Presented by Dr. Christopher Tong

Environmental philosophers in the West have long cited the philosophical and religious traditions of pre-modern China, especially Buddhism, as sources of inspiration and comparison. Meanwhile, critics often cite the People's Republic of China as one of the world's worst polluters, given its record of damaging the environment. Together, these viewpoints beg the question: how has China become the way it is today?



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5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

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Reception immediately following lecture

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