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An International Conference on the Early History and Archaeology of Qin
帝國之前 — 早期秦國歷史和考古國際學術討論會
Columbia University in the City of New York, April 6-7, 2012
Friday, April 6, 9:30 a.m.-5:10 p.m. (Kent Hall 628)
Saturday, April 7, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Kent Hall 403)

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The unfortunate looting on Dabuzishan in Lixian, Gansu Province, in 1994 led to the discovery of early Qin. Over the next fifteen years artifacts originating from Dabuzishan have been gradually published, and a number of other critical sites related to the early Qin state have also been excavated including the most fascinating northern-steppe chariot burials at Majiayuan. The conference brings a group of senior archaeologists who were responsible for the later discoveries together with leading Western scholars to discuss their implications for understanding the early history of Qin and the eventual rise of the Qin Empire.

A Special Report by Professor Robin D. S. Yates on the just-now released Liye Qin Jian 里耶秦簡, volume 1, is scheduled on April 7

PRESENTATIONS

Wang Hui 王輝 (Gansu Institute of Archaeology 甘肅省考古研究所):
"The Archaeological Discovery at Majiayuan and Its Cultural Connections to the Northern Steppe" (馬家原的考古發現及其與北方草原地區的文脈關聯)

Kuang-yu Chen 陳光宇 (Rutgers University 羅格斯大學):
"Cinnabar and Mercury Industry of Qin and Early China" (秦及上古中國的硫礦水銀工業)

Zhao Huacheng 趙化成 (Beijing University 北京大學):
"New Discoveries and New Studies of Early Qin Culture" (早期秦文化的最新發現和研究)

Jiao Nanfeng 焦南峰 (Shaanxi Institute of Archaeology 陝西省考古研究院):
"New Archaeological Discoveries of Qin Royal Tombs: On the Three Recently Identified Qin Mausoleums near Xianyang" (秦陵的考古新發現: 近年咸陽附近新確認的三座陵墓)

David Pankenier 班大爲 (Lehigh University 理海大學):
"Qin Cosmography and the First Cosmic Capital – Xianyang" (秦的宇宙觀和第一座宇宙之都 – 咸陽)

Yuri Pines 尤銳 (Hebrew University 希伯來大學):
"Reassessing Textual Sources for Pre-imperial Qin History" (重新評估有關前帝國時期秦國的文獻資料)

Chen Chao-Jung 陳昭容 (Academia Sinica, Taiwan 台灣中央研究院):
"To Become ‘Huaxia’: A Study of the Early Qin State Based on Textual Evidence and Excavated Artifacts" (從文獻與出土文物看早期秦國的華夏化歷程)

Li Feng 李峰 (Columbia University 哥倫比亞大學):
"This Qinzi Is Not That Qinzi: Rethinking Recently Discovered Early Qin Bronzes" (此秦子非彼秦子：近年新發現早期秦國銅器的再思考)

Preregistration is required for attending; please email Brian Lander (bgl2114@columbia.edu) ASPS

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