

# What do we see when we ask “What is China?”

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Hui’s talk centres on her foundational question: “What is China?” She argues that many social scientists take China’s historical narrative for granted, often depicting it as a unified, Confucian state that was powerful yet peaceful. In contrast, Hui’s research reveals a complex, multifaceted past. “China” was as divided as it was unified, as violent as it was harmonious, as innovative as it was stagnant.

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