

Inaugural Lecture for the

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**“China and the Islamic World in the Medieval Period:
A General View”**

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Thursday August 3rd, 2006

2:30-4:30pm

Location: The Mershon Center

This talk will address the historical relationships between China and pre-Islamic and Islamic societies. The presentation will explore the early contacts between the Chinese and Muslims, with particular attention to the formation of the Muslim (Huihui) minority group in China. The lecture will cover the social status and language practices of Muslims in medieval China.

Professor Yingsheng LIU received his Ph.D. from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in 1985. Since 1988, he is a Professor of History at Nanjing University, where he also heads the Institute for Asian Studies and the Institute for Korean Studies. He also serves as the deputy chair National Chinese National Society of the History of Mongols since 1997 and the chair of the Chinese National Society of Mongol-Yuan Studies since 2004. He is a specialist on Sino-Islamic relations and has published extensively in that field.

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