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Rethinking China Lecture Series

proudly presents

Dr. Wang Binghua

Scholar of Xinjiang Archeology



"Shamanistic Remains as
Seen from Xinjiang
Archaeology"

Friday Nov. 17th, 2006

1:30pm

Page Hall 130 (John Glenn School of Public Affairs)

The Institute for Chinese Studies is proud to present Dr. Wang Binghua, renowned scholar and specialist of Xinjiang archaeology. Dr. Wang is currently a visiting scholar at Yale University, and his research on the mummies of Xinjiang, China has been featured in both NOVA and Discovery Channel documentaries.

Dr. Wang's presentation will begin with a focus on recent archaeological work in Xinjiang, which has revealed early shamanistic remains in the Altai, Lop Nor, and Turfan areas. Additionally, he will discuss some basic concepts in shamanistic worship, drawing examples from the Hezhen, Ewenki, and Oroqen peoples. He will also discuss the objects of shamanistic worship, and their associated rituals. Included in Dr. Wang's presentation will be a discussion regarding archaeological discoveries of shamanistic remains in the Altai Mountains, the Lop Nor Xiaohe, Gumugou, Turfan Yanghai, and Hami Wubao Bronze Age burial grounds; as well as the burial grounds of Turkish leader Bilga Khaghan (AD 716-734) in Mongolia.

This event is open to the general public. All are welcome to attend what promises to be an exciting presentation that will enhance our understanding of the rich archaeological, anthropological, and cultural history of China.

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