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## Shaping and Reshaping Shanghai's Religious Space



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Shanghai is a metropolis that prides itself on its cultural and religious diversity. An ever-growing number of religious traditions strive to carve a space for themselves within the spiritual landscape of the city. At the same time, they all concur to build and transform the ethos of Shanghai as they remold spaces for their own use, foster ritual practices, and start social and cultural initiatives. This presentation, largely based on ongoing, collaborative fieldwork conducted during the last three years with researchers and students from Fudan University and Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, focuses on the way sacredness continues to be engineered in today's Shanghai.



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