



History of South China: Sources, Methods, and New Approaches Call for Papers

This workshop aims to bring together contributions which utilize new sources, methods, and approaches in exploring the many histories of the South China region, including Macau and Hong Kong, across all periods. It also seeks to examine the broader applicability of innovative methodologies developed by scholars working on this region. Investigating relationships between state and locality, the evolution of local identity, along with transregional and transnational connections, the workshop encourages a rethinking of “South China” as a geographical, political, cultural and intellectual construct.

Keynote Address by Prof. Ching May Bo

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Why “South China” (and Why Not)

Location: University of Oxford

Date: 4 July (Friday) 2025

Submission Deadline: 9 May (Friday) 2025

The workshop welcomes proposals for 20-25 minute papers on themes such as:

- Local and regional experiences, connections, and identities in South China and beyond
- The impact of local and regional histories on scholarly discussions about modernity, identity, and periodisation in Chinese history
- How local and regional histories reflect historical developments on a national, transnational and global scale
- The use of ‘South China school’ (*Hua’nan Xuepai*), ‘Luso-Asian history’ (*história luso-asiática*), ‘Macaology’ (*Aomenxue*) and Hong Kong Studies methodologies and approaches in South China and beyond

Please submit a 250-word abstract and a brief bio (100 words) via the form here: <https://bit.ly/HistoryofSouthChinaCfP> by 9 May (Friday). We aim to notify the results by 13 May (Tuesday).

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