

China's Green Religion: Daoism and the Quest for a Sustainable Future

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As China charts a path towards an “ecological civilization,” and a rise to global superpower status, it is in the process of creating a new and uniquely Chinese form of modernity. This form of modernity includes economic development and rapid urbanization, but with lower carbon intensity and fewer environmental costs. Can China’s rich cultural traditions inform its goals of a peaceful economic development while preserving the environment? This presentation focuses on Daoism, China’s indigenous religious tradition, to ask how Chinese traditions can contribute to the development of a new and ecologically sensitive Chinese modernity.

Dr. Miller is a leading scholar of Chinese religions, and especially the views of nature and environment in Daoist philosophy and religion. He has published five books including most recently a co-edited volume on *Religion and Ecological Sustainability in China* (Routledge 2014).



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