

Islam in China

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There are more Muslims in China than in Syria, Malaysia, or Tunisia, and their history stretches back to at least the ninth century. This module explores the history of Muslims in China and Chinese Muslims abroad, from the arrival of the first Muslims in China to the mass internment of Muslim minorities today. After a general historical overview, each week pairs readings of comparative or methodological studies with primary and secondary sources on the relationship between China and Islam. We will tackle broad problems such as how to define particular religions and how ethnicity works, using the history of Islam in China as a case study.



Readings include:

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Tohti, Ilham. "Isn't it time to rethink China's ethnic policies?" uighurbiz.net, November 12, 2009.