Yao Religion and Daoism in the Southwest China and Southeast Asia Borderlands

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This talk will focus on the spread of Daoism to Yao peoples living in South China and across national borders all the way to northern Thailand. Yao adopted Daoism by the late Ming or early Qing, a time when Daoist ritual manuals, ceremonial paintings, and other paraphernalia were in circulation among numerous peoples, Han and non-Han, all over South China. Daoism spread to Southeast Asia, as peoples such as the Yao, whose religious cultures were already infused with Daoism, migrated transnationally.

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