Call for Papers

"Emotion, Feeling and Healing from Chinese Studies Perspectives"

Special Issue

The June 2027 issue of *Chinese Studies* will be a special issue entitled "Emotion, Feeling and Healing from Chinese Studies Perspectives," guest-edited by Professor Chen Hsiu-fen 陳秀芬 at the Department of History, National Chengchi University. Papers may be submitted in either Chinese or English and should respectively be 30,000 characters or 10,000 words or less (including footnotes). Form and style should follow the "Guide for Submissions to *Chinese Studies*" and the "*Chinese Studies* Stylesheet."

Human emotion and feeling are innate as well as universal. As "sentient" beings (or *homo sentiens*), people communicate with one another and cross boundaries through emotion and feeling. Just as they may keep one afloat, they are as likely to cause one to capsize; excessive emotion and emotional imbalance often lead to individual distress, interpersonal tension, and even collective disorder. Regulating and having an outlet for emotion and feeling through various forms of external support and internal cultivation are invariably important in troubled times and a turbulent world, a matter which has always been a concern of the Sinosphere. This special issue invites scholars from a variety of disciplines, including—but not limited to—literature, history, philosophy, religious studies, and the history of medical science, to explore the topic of emotion and feeling, so as to consider paths of healing, therapy, and wellness, perhaps even providing guidance to those facing their own existential crises today.

※The deadline for submissions to this issue has been extended to Aug. 31, 2026. Please send submissions to us by e-mail at chinesestudies@ncl.edu.tw

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"Diachronic Studies of the Grammar of Chinese and Chinese Dialects"

Special Issue

The March 2028 issue of *Chinese Studies* will be a special issue entitled "Diachronic Studies of the Grammar of Chinese and Chinese Dialects," guest-edited by Research Fellow Wu Rui-wen 吳瑞文 at the Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica. Papers may be submitted in either Chinese or English and should respectively be 30,000 characters or 10,000 words or less (including footnotes). Form and style should follow the "Guide for Submissions to *Chinese Studies*" and the "*Chinese Studies* Stylesheet."

The use of language has long been regarded as the factor that distinguishes humans from other animals, as well as being a mental activity unique to human beings. As an object, language is incessantly evolving, with grammar being no exception. One advantage of researching the Chinese language is its unbroken record of written texts spanning three to four millennia. On the surface, both ancient and modern Chinese use Chinese characters as the medium of communication; but in terms of grammar, significant differences exist, exemplified by lexical turnover, grammatical shifts, the emergence and cessation of certain grammatical functions, and taxonomical evolutions. For modern Chinese, aside from Mandarin being the standardized form, other dialects have also retained traces of its ancient counterpart: "When rituals are lost, seek them in the wilderness." The historical grammar of dialects thus serves as a window into the transformations of Chinese grammar. Diachronic studies of Chinese grammar should then employ methodologies that combine longitudinal analyses of historical texts with modern Chinese and its dialects, thereby deriving general principles of grammatical shifts. Such research directions not only further our understanding of the Chinese language itself, but position the field as a reference for related studies of other languages.

Based on the above, the "Diachronic Studies of the Grammar of Chinese and Chinese Dialects" special issue, with a focus on the "longitudinal developments from ancient to modern Chinese," aims to provide a platform for scholars in related fields to showcase the broad and diverse dimensions of research in the history of Chinese grammar.

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