

從航運看近代中國城市與水利工程的現代化

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1850 至 1950 年間，中國的經濟與環境經歷前所未有的巨變。我的演講將以區域經濟、主權與國際社會為切入點，藉由對特定城市與河川的研究來解釋這些變動。一個必須探討的問題是：不同的航運與工業模式，在中國海岸以及內陸水域認知、控制面的轉變中扮演何種角色，水利工程相關學術及政策的發展歷程又是如何？我的演講將引述來自德國、中國大陸與臺灣的檔案資料，以論述水利工程的現代化何以是中國經濟與世界接軌的核心要素。

In the hundred years between 1850 and 1950, China experienced unprecedented economic and environmental changes. Using comparative case-studies of particular cities and rivers, with special attention to issues of spatial politics, sovereignty, and international society, this talk will outline some of those changes. Certain questions will be posed: What role did different types of shipping and industry play in the changing perceptions and manipulations of China's coast and inland waters? How were knowledge and politics about water control transformed in the process? The talk will draw on archival material housed in Germany, China, and Taiwan, and argue that the transformation of water control was at the heart of modern China's integration into the global economy.

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