

*Arts of Asia Lecture Series Fall 2012*  
*The Culture and Arts of China: From the Neolithic Age Through the Tang Dynasty*  
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**What is China? What is Chinese?**  
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Right: Model of a house, Eastern Han dynasty (25-220), low fired ceramic, B60P1802

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Left: Model of a stove, Eastern Han dynasty (25-220), low fired ceramic with lead glaze, B60P238

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Right: Ritual implement, *cong*, jade, Liangzhu culture (approx. 3400-2250 BCE), B60J603

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Left: Ritual vessel, *ding*, bronze, Shang dynasty (approx. 1600-1050 BCE), B60B1030

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Left: Tomb tile, Eastern Han dynasty (25-220), low fired ceramic, B60S78

Right: Chariot with horses and driver, bronze, Eastern Han dynasty (25-220), private collection.

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Left: Mirror, Eastern Han dynasty (25-220), bronze, B60B560

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Left: Taoist celestial worthy, Ming dynasty, low fired ceramic, B70P4

Right: *Guanyu*, Ming dynasty, ivory, B60S299

**Slide 30.**

Left: Seated *dhyana* Buddha, dated 338, Later Zhao dynasty (319-50), gilt bronze, B60B1034

Right: seated *dhyana* Buddha with canopy, fourth century(?), bronze, Gansu province

**Slide 31. Title slide: Language**

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Left: inscription from ritual vessel, *ding*, Shang dynasty (approx. 1600–1050 BCE), bronze, B60B755

Right: oracle bone, Shang dynasty (approx. 1600–1050 BCE), B60M502

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Ritual vessel in shape of rhinoceros (three views), Shang dynasty (approx. 1600–1050 BCE), bronze, B60B1+

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Left: Bell, *yong zhong*, Eastern Zhou dynasty, approx. 552 BCE, bronze, B60S552

Right: rubbing of inscription

**Slide 35.**

Left: Back of *dhyana* Buddha, Later Zhao dynasty, dated 338, gilt bronze, B60B1034

Right: Back of stele, probably Eastern Wei dynasty (534-550), limestone, B63S5+

**Slide 36.**

Left: Poem in cursive script, by Chen Yuansu (active 1606-1640), hanging scroll, ink on paper, Yeh Family Collection, R2002.49.59

Right: Couplet, by Zhao Zhiqian (1829-1884), two hanging scrolls, ink on paper, Yeh Family Collection, R2007.105.1-.2

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Left: Ritual food vessel, the Ran *fangding*, Western Zhou dynasty (approx. 1050-771 BCE), B60B2+

Right: rubbing of inscription

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Left: Ritual implement, *cong*, jade, Liangzhu culture (approx. 3400-2250 BCE), B60J603

Right: Ritual implement, *cong*, jade, probably early 1900s, B60J930

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Left: Ritual vessel, the Yayi *jia*, Shang dynasty, bronze, 61B11+

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**Slide 42.**

Left: Ritual implement, *bi*, Liangzhu culture (approx. 3400-2250 BCE), jade, B60J957

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Left: Ritual vessel, *ding*, Shang dynasty (approx. 1600–1050 BCE), bronze, B60B1030

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Right: warmer, Sui dynasty (580-617), high fired ceramic, B60P140

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Left: Dagger ax, *ge*, Eastern Zhou dynasty (771-221 BCE), bronze, B60B648

Right: Sword, Eastern Zhou dynasty (771-221 BCE), bronze, B60B758

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Left: Series of foreigners, Han dynasty (206 BCE-220CE), bronze, B60B800-.803

Right: Tomb guardian, Tang dynasty (618-906), glazed low fired ceramic, B60S155+

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Tomb tile with figures, late Six Dynasties –Sui dynasty (approx. 550-617), low fired ceramic, B60S363

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Left: Camel, Tang dynasty (617-906), glazed low fired ceramic, B60S95

Right: Tile with dancer, Tang dynasty (617-906), low fired ceramic, B61S21+