

2nd Annual Bristol Lecture in East Asian Studies Monday 22nd February 2010



Synopsis: Far from Chinese modernity being, or becoming, a replica of western modernity, it will remain fundamentally distinct. China is a civilization-state and only secondarily a nation-state. With China's rise we can expect its relationships with East Asia to bear some of the characteristics of the tributary state system. The nature of the Chinese state, including the sources of its legitimacy, are very different from the western state and the Chinese notion of race is distinctive. As China modernises and becomes increasingly self-confident, the uniqueness of its modernity will become more and more apparent and its consequences, for the rest of the world, will be far reaching.

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Time: 4.30-6.00pm, followed by drinks reception.

Venue: Peel Lecture Theatre, School of Geographical Sciences, University of Bristol, University Road, Bristol. BS8 1SS.

Booking: Places will be reserved on a first come first served basis. Please register your interest by contacting Annabel Lander (Annabel.Lander@bristol.ac.uk , 0117 3311030)