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## CHINA AND THE WEST BEFORE THE “SILK ROUTES”: CULTURAL CONTACTS, 2000-100 BC

THURSDAY, 28 APRIL, 2016, 6 PM C.T.

Even before China’s expansion into Central Asia under the Han dynasty, continental East Asia was lodged in a complex web of long-distance relationships. Recent archaeological discoveries suggest that these transcontinental contacts may have exerted a greater impact than was previously realized on the development of what we like to think of as “Chinese civilization.” Aside from pointing out art-historical connections, this lecture will attempt to delineate the economic framework in which these interactions took place.

Lothar von Falkenhausen is Professor of Chinese Archaeology and Art History and Associate Director of the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA, where he has taught since 1993. Educated at Bonn, Peking, Kyoto, and Harvard, Falkenhausen is interested in large interdisciplinary and historical issues on which archaeological materials can provide significant new information.



The talk is organised by the Institute of East Asian Art History in cooperation with the Institute of Chinese Studies, the Institute for Classical Archaeology, the Institute for Prehistory, Protohistory and Near Eastern Archaeology and is generously funded by the Confucius Institute at Heidelberg University.

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# CHINESE ARCHAEOLOGY: DEVELOPMENTS AND CHALLENGES

FRIDAY, 29 APRIL, 2016

- 09:00 – 10:00 **New Developments in Chinese Prehistory**  
Lothar von Falkenhausen
- 10:00 – 11:00 **The Early Chinese Dynasties: Archaeology and Text**  
Lothar von Falkenhausen
- 11:00 – 11:50 **Funeral Archaeology: Looking at the Early Empire  
Through the Lense of Death**  
Enno Giele
- 11:50 – 13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Archaeology of Art (meishu kaogu), Xia Nai, Xiang  
Da and 1940s Perspectives on ‘Xiongnu Culture’**  
Sarah E. Fraser
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Remarks on the History of Chinese Archaeology**  
Lothar von Falkenhausen

Each presentation will last about 30 minutes to be followed by responses and discussion from the audience as well as short breaks.

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**Sarah E. Fraser** is Professor for Chinese Art History at Heidelberg University

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