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An International Forum: Interaction, Adaptation and Integration ---- Muslim Minorities in China and Europe

China in Comparative
Perspective Network (CCPN)

Date: 5-6th July 2010 (2-6pm on Monday afternoon for an informal discussion with Chinese delegates and the Forum is on Tuesday from 9am to 6pm)

Venue: Seligman Library A607, Old Building, LSE

Conveners: Professor Wenjong Yang, Dept of Anthropology, LSE; Lanzhou University
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Background: In recent 10 years, Islam and Muslims have been the focus of much attention, not only Muslim majorities of countries or areas, but also Muslim minorities in different civilizations. Specifically, with globalization and the influence of important international political events, Muslim minorities are involved in and are in a perpetual dilemma. The essential historical facts are that Muslim minorities have a long history in different civilizations, such as in China (under a secular imperial civilization) and Europe (a Christian and Graeco-Roman then secular civilization), where Muslim minorities have become parts of cultural diversity after long term mutual cultural interaction, adaptation and integration. Therefore, it is of timely interest to bring together studies of Muslim minorities' local experience and cultural innovations in different civilizations from interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives, which not only help to further understand Islamic civilization, but also to facilitate mutual dialogue and the harmonious development of global civilizations.

Topics:

1. History and development of Muslim minorities in China and Europe
2. Islamic local experience in China: cultural innovation on the basis of combination between Islam and Confucian
3. Muslim minorities in Europe: historical memory, colonial system, migrant, political institution and social culture adaptation
4. Muslim minorities' identity in the global context: Ummah, nation and motherland
5. Traditional cultural development of Muslim minorities: Mosque, community education and family education
6. Muslim minorities' social networks in China and European countries
7. Muslim minorities' political participation in China and European countries
8. A study of female culture of Muslim minorities in the cultural context of China and Europe

Programme: TBC

Note: This event is FREE of charge, but places are limited. If you would like to attend the Forum please send your request to ccpn@lse.ac.uk; if you would like to give a talk at the Forum please submit the title, abstract of your talk and a CV to the ccpn@lse.ac.uk, by 31 May 2010.

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