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# STUDYING SEX IN CHINA



## SEMINAR: MODERNITY AND SEX IN CHINA

OCTOBER 5, 2015 | 4:00 P.M.  
101 PETERSON HALL

**JIN JIANG**

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“Concepts of Sex in Modern China”

During the period of modernization in the early 20th century, the concept of sex, *xing*, became highly politicized as the relationships between the state and individual citizens, public and private, were being negotiated.

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“The Scientific Discourse of Sex in Modern China”

The scientific study of sex (*xing*) was introduced into China in the early 1900s from Japan, where it had been considered a key aspect of modernity inspired by Western science. During the next 20 years, the scientific discourse about sex, biology, and anatomy gained wide public circulation. It was during this period that the hierarchical Confucian construction of male and female gender roles was displaced by a scientific analysis of sex.

## PANEL DISCUSSION: THE CURRENT STATE OF GENDER STUDIES IN THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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