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Contextualizing the Self: Creating and Recreating the First Person

An Interdisciplinary Workshop 2017 – 2018

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

14:15 – 15:45

Gilman Building, room 449

Chairman: Prof. Aviad Kleinberg

Lectures by:

Howard Chiang

University of California, Davis

*"From Eunuchs to Transsexuals: Scientific Modernity
and Sex Change in Twentieth-Century China"*

For much of Chinese history, the eunuch stood out as an exceptional figure at the margins of gender categories. Amid the disintegration of the Qing Empire (1644-1911), men and women in China began to understand their differences in terms of modern scientific knowledge. In this seminar, Howard Chiang traces the genealogy of sexual knowledge from the demise of eunuchism to the emergence of transsexuality, exploring how competing definitions of sex circulated in science, medicine, vernacular culture, and the periodical press in the first half of the twentieth century.

*** The lectures will be held in English

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