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Thinking Chinese

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UCL Quad, 31st March – 1st April 2015

A ground-breaking interdisciplinary two-day conference and exhibition presented by University College London and Ming-Ai (London) Institute.

Both conference and exhibition explore the history of Chinese since the 19th Century who studied in Britain and became professionals, diplomats, scientists, writers, performers and artists along with the ways in which Chineseness has been represented in the UK.

British Chinese Workforce Heritage is a three-year Heritage Lottery Funded oral history project collecting the life stories of British Chinese individuals in different industries.



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Day One - 31st March

Panels

10:00 – 12:30

Chinese Community History

Michael Murray, Heritage Lottery Fund:

Funding Chinese Heritage in the UK

Chungwen Li, Ming-Ai (London) Institute:

The British Chinese Workforce Heritage Project

Navy and Military

Prof Jonathan Liu, Regent's University London:

British Chinese Armed Forces Heritage Project

Robert Fleming, National Army Museum:

China's relationship with the West in the World Wars

Rachel Hasted: *The Chinese Labour Corps in England during WW1*

Dr Zhuang Yijie, and Dr Vivienne Lo, UCL:

New Sea Lords: the Greenwich Fuzhou meridian

13:30 – 14:30

Professions

Dr Kai Liu, Yanfu Foundation: *Beyond Translation:*

Yan Fu and the Inception of Chinese Modernity

Dr Lily Chang, UCL History: *Called to the Bar at*

Lincoln's Inn: England's First Ethnic Chinese Barrister

Roundtable Discussion

14:30 – 16:30

Is traditional Chinese medicine really relevant?

Chair: Prof Therese Hesketh, UCL Institute for Global Health

Prof David Colquhoun, UCL Pharmacology

Dr Fanyi Meng, Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture UK

Dr Dick Middleton, British Herbal Medicine Association

Prof Adrian Renton, University of East London: Institute for Health and Human Development

Prof Volker Scheid, University of Westminster

Dr Kaicun Zhao, Middlesex University

18:30 China City **Thinking Chinese Gala Dinner and Performance Evening**



Ming-Ai (London) Institute and University College London present a four course traditional banquet, music from **Liz Liew** and **Dr Cheng Yu** and a lion dance to mark the opening of the 'Thinking Chinese' exhibition and Conference at UCL, raise money for local charity Camden Chinese Community Centre and celebrate the achievements of the Chinese community in the UK.

Individual tickets and tables may be booked by contacting projects@ming-ai.org.uk.



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D a y T w o - 1 s t A p r i l

Panels

9:15 – 11:00

Food and Identity

British Chinese Food Culture Project: Video-show
Dr Vivienne Lo, UCL History: *Dimsum Diplomacy*

Representing 'Chineseness'

Dr Anne Witchard, University of Westminster:
Maidens and Mandarins: China on the Pantomime Stage
Prof Tim Barrett, SOAS, University of London:
Chinese Language Teachers and Regency Britain
Emile de Bruijn, National Trust: *Thinking Chinese Wallpaper: the image of China in British interiors*

11:30 – 13:10

'Chineseness', Race and Eugenics

Dr Nathaniel Coleman, UCL Philosophy: *'Africa for the Chinese': A response from Critical Eugenics at UCL*
Dr Leon Rocha, University of Liverpool: *Racial Miscegenation and the Chinese in Liverpool*
David Yip: *Being the Chinese Detective*
Dr Diana Yeh, University of Winchester: *Staging China, Sinophilia and the Racial Order*

Roundtable Discussion

13:10 – 14:20

Breaking Our Silence:

Voices from the Chinese Community

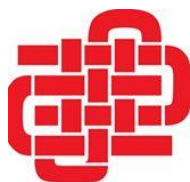
What is the best representation of the Chinese in the UK?

This open debate will bring together members of the UK's diverse Chinese community with representatives from social welfare, politics, community centres and individual Chinese to discuss the situation of the current representation of the community in the UK

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In the week before the conference UCL students and the public will respond in different ways to the questions: 'What does it mean to be Chinese? What does being Chinese mean to you / society?' The results of this engagement will be presented to contribute to the wider debate.

14:30– 16:00, South Cloisters, UCL



British Chinese Workforce Heritage Project Completion Ceremony & Thinking Chinese Exhibition Reception

All invited. Join us to celebrate the completion of ground-breaking three-year oral history project *British Chinese Workforce Heritage* and the launch of the Thinking Chinese exhibition.



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