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Lecture

Buddhism and the Invention of Tea Culture in Medieval China

By Dr. James Benn

Friday, March 3, 2017

4:30pm to 5:30pm

103 Dodd Hall Auditorium

The dramatic change in Chinese drinking habits that occurred in the eighth century CE cannot be understood without considering the crucial role of Buddhist ideas, institutions, and individuals in creating a new culture around the consumption of tea. This lecture looks closely at the surviving artistic, material, and literary evidence for Buddhist involvement in the invention of a Chinese tea culture during the Tang and Song dynasties, roughly seventh through thirteenth centuries.



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