PAAS 152: Essentials – Chinese Civilization

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This course is a general introduction to the formation and evolution of Chinese civilization, from the Neolithic through the early twentieth century. The central question is what made Chinese civilization distinctive or made China what it is. Lectures contextualize Chinese civilization in world history, focused on the worldview, territory, ethnicity, state-society relationship, beliefs, and identity of traditional China that help to understand contemporary China. No pre-requisition is needed.