Asian Embodiment of a White Canon: Shakespeare and the Sinophone World

Event Series: China and the West: Cultural Dialogues

Friday, December 3, 2021
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EST
Location: Online (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. GMT)

Shakespeare’s tragedies have inspired incredible work in the Sinophone theatres of China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. The tragedies have been reimagined as political theatre, feminist operas, Buddhist meditations, and even comedies and parodies. In particular, Chinese, Hong Kong, and Taiwanese artists have used Shakespeare for socially reparative purposes. Appropriations by politicians and artists have tapped into Shakespeare’s perceived remedial functions. How do actors reposition their racialized bodies on stage and on screen? How do Sinophone cinema and feminism transform gender identities in Shakespeare? Bringing film and theatre studies together, this online conversation will shed new light on the two major genres in a comparative context in the Sinophone world.
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Featured

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Michael Scott (moderator) is Fellow and Senior Dean at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford. He is also senior adviser to the president of Georgetown University and leads the Future of the Humanities Project. He has previously served as pro vice chancellor at De Montfort University, Leicester, and was the founding vice chancellor of Wrexham Glyndwr University. His books include studies in Shakespeare and his contemporaries and in twentieth century theatre. He has been a fellow and visiting professor at two Chinese universities and published a book on King Arthur with the Foreign Research and Teaching Press in Beijing.

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Shakespeare and the Sinophone World

Lecture by Alexa Alice Joubin

Talk followed by discussion. Participants: Alexa Alice Joubin and Tong Ping
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