



Open Lecture

Literary Materials as Historical Sources: The Case of the "Mountain Songs"

Date: 9 May 2016 (Mon)

Time: 4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Venue: 7/F, Shaw Tower, 34 Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong (SWT7/F)



The basic question of the paper is if and how literary materials can be useful as historical sources.

After referring to precedents in Western and Chinese history (Les Annales, "poet-historian" 詩史,
some of Feng Menglong's works) the three fields in which rich information can be collected
from literary materials are shortly presented: 1. Everyday life and material culture;
2. Everyday thought; 3. Representation of everyday emotions in anthropological
researches. As an example the "Mountain Songs", Shan'ge 山歌 by Feng
Menglong is presented.



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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Both activities will be conducted in English Enquiry: 3411 6655 /3411 2458 / 3411 2562

Sharing Session A Journey for Gratifying Curiosity

Date: 11 May 2016 (Wed) Time: 11:00 am-12:00 nn Venue: 7/F, Shaw Tower, 34 Renfrew Road

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