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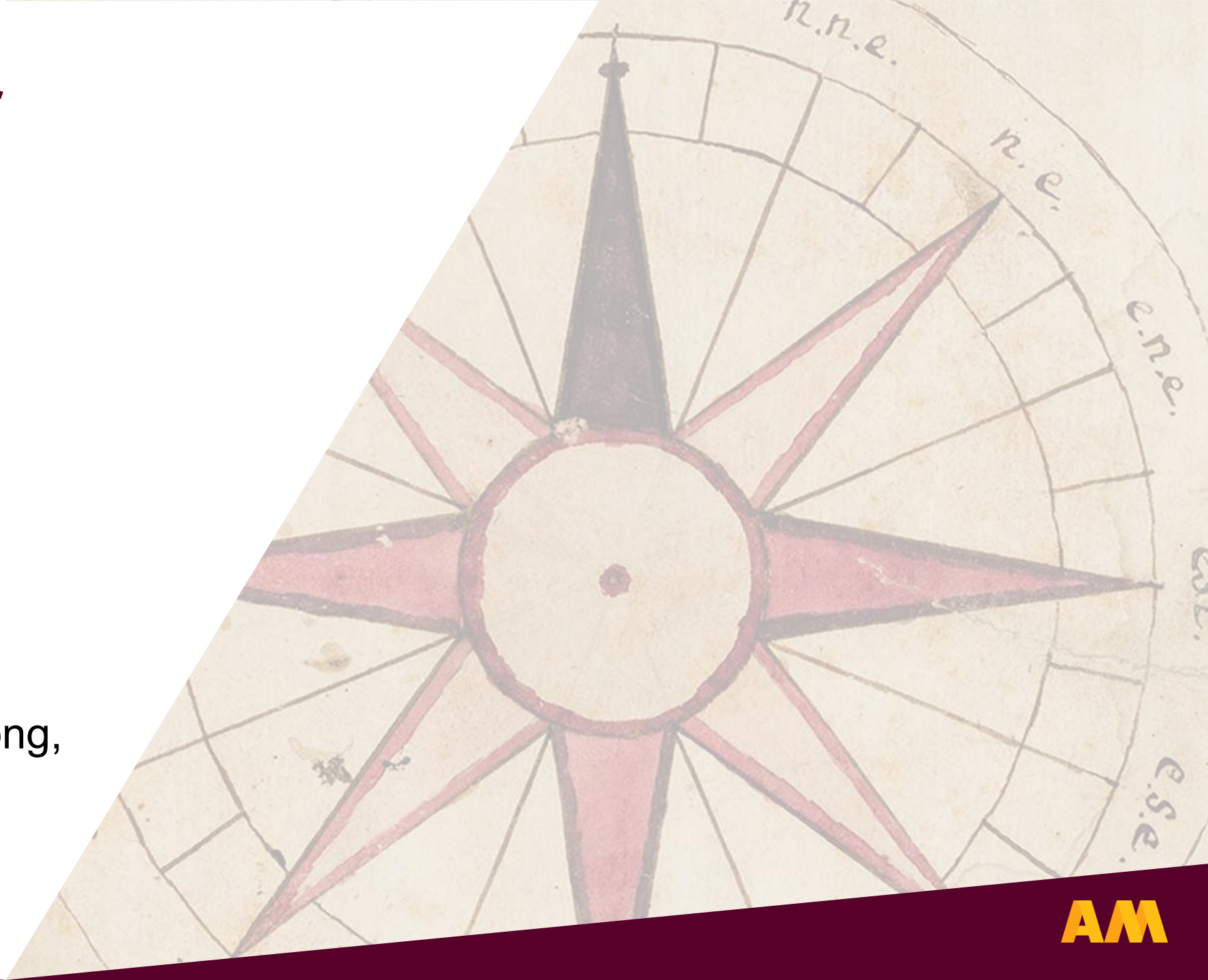
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Today's Speaker



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ABOUT

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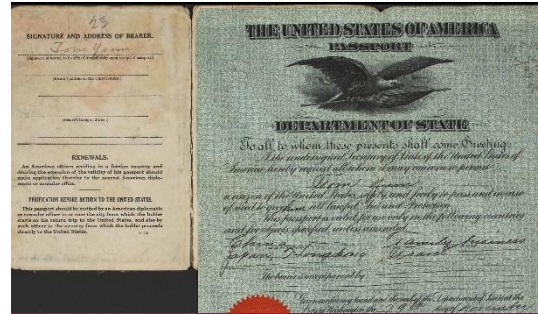
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China: Trade, Politics and Culture



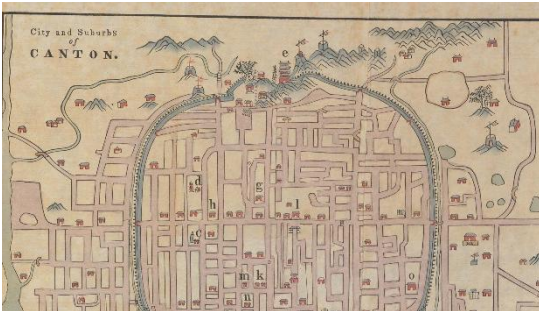
China, America and the Pacific

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Area Studies: China and Southeast Asia



New for 2025: Foreign Office
Consulate and Legation Files for
China, module I



China: Culture and Society



Socialism on Film

Foreign Office Files for China,
1919-1980

New for 2025: China on Film

New for 2025

China on Film

- British Film Institute
- c.130 films, 32 previously undigitised
- Highlights:
 - Early film footage
 - “Minority” communities
 - Environment and landscape



Film as a Medium for Understanding Early Twentieth-Century Human-Environment Relations in China

Essay by Chris Coggins, Professor of Geography and Asian Studies, Bard College

Foreign Office, Consulate and Legation Files for China

- The National Archives, UK
- Module I: Wars and Treaties, 1830-1895
- All FO228 and associated volumes
- Highlights:
 - Conflicts and rebellions
 - Industry insights and origins
 - Visual materials



The Chinese Language and Chinese Record-Keeping in the FO 228 Volumes, 1830-1895

A video interview with Lars Laamann, Senior Lecturer, Department of History, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

Primary Source Spotlight

marriage



Title

To Foreign Office (Sir S. G. Bonham), 1853
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Reference

FO 228/151

Date

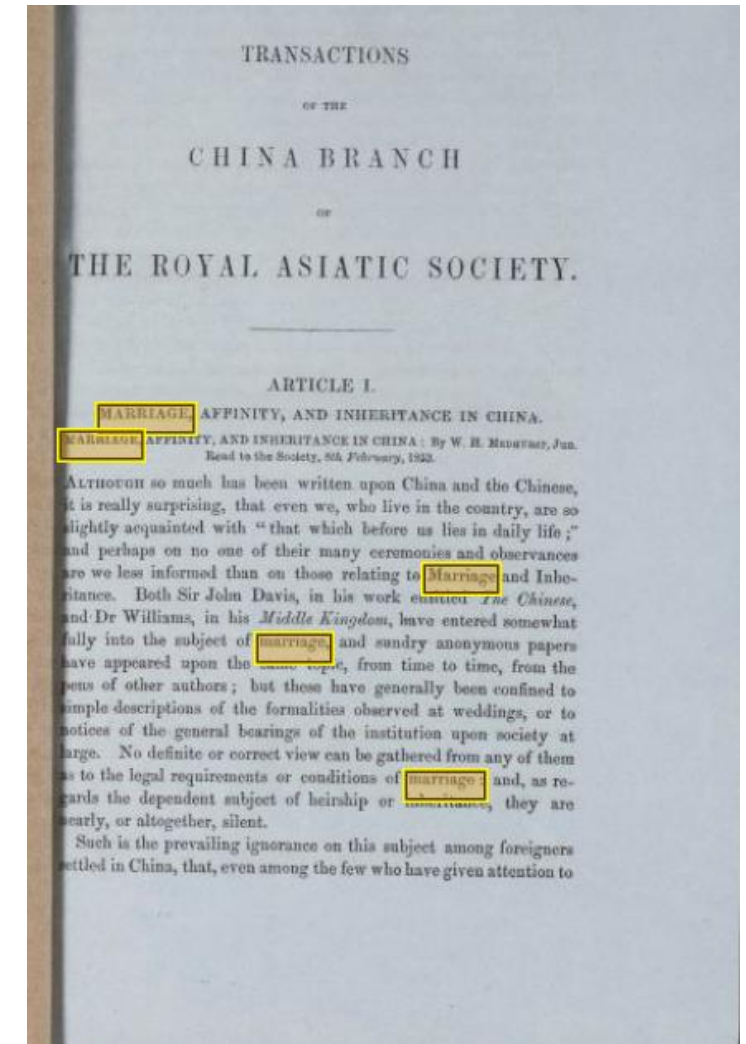
1853

No. 96. 14
Superintendency of Trade,
Hongkong, 1. September, 1853.

My Lord,

No. 1. I have much pleasure in transmitting to Your Lordship an article from the pen of Mr Chinese Secretary Medhurst upon the Law of Marriage and Inheritance in China, which I have no doubt Your Lordship will consider with me an useful contribution to our information upon China. I also beg to

The Right Honorable
The Earl of Claremont, &c. &c.
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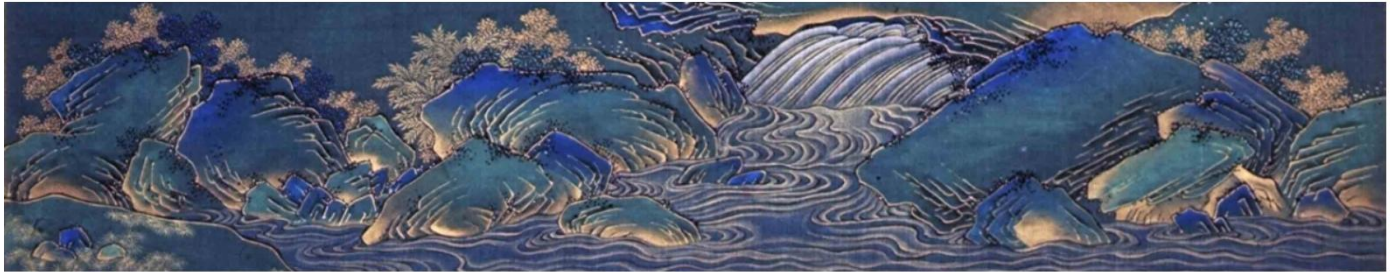
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