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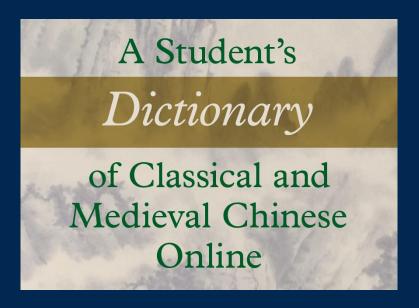
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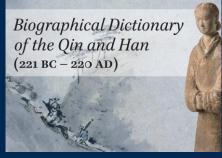
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- Introduction to Chinese/comparative intellectual history
- Text studies and classical reading courses
- Philology courses, including classical annotation, textual criticism, and edition studies

More Information

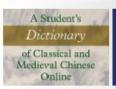




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