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“CHARIOTS, BEADS, GOLD AND JADE: CHINA’S INTERACTION

WITH INNER ASIA, C 1200-50 BC”

by

PROFESSOR DAME JESSICA RAWSON

Date: Wednesday, 30 September 2009
Venue: The Hong Kong Club
Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong
Time: 18:30 Drinks; 19:00 Presentation; 20:15 Dinner
Cost: Lecture HK\$100 for non-members
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The Yellow River basin was the centre of Shang power; from the Zhou conquest the centre moved westwards along the Wei to the area of present day Xi’an. This region was also the centre of the Qin and Western Han Empires. While throughout this long period, received texts present a picture of a unified state with little mention of the peoples to the north and west, recent archaeological finds have demonstrated the very considerable impact these peoples had on the metropolitan centres.

In fact the Chinese states reacted very effectively to the intrusions of the peoples to the north and west, who provided a strong stimulus, encouraging often major changes in central ritual and social practices. The talk will describe four major periods when these changes are especially evident, using examples from chariots, beaded burial dress, gilded weapons and vessels and jades among other materials.

Professor Dame Jessica Rawson, DBE, DLitt, FBA, is Professor of Chinese Art and Archaeology, Warden of Merton College and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Oxford University. Her publications include *Chinese ornament: The lotus and the dragon*; *Chinese bronzes: Art and ritual*; *Chinese jade from the neolithic to the Qing*; *Mysteries of Ancient China*; and *China: The Three Emperors 1661 -1795*. Before moving to Oxford in 1994, she was Keeper of the Department of Oriental Antiquities at the British Museum. In 2002 Professor Rawson was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire for her services to oriental studies.

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