



Short Biography

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Project

At the University of Göttingen, Tan Xing works on German Intellectuals' Understanding of China in the Early 20th Century: Otto Franke, the First Professor of Sinology in Germany.

This project takes the first German Sinology professor Franke's views of China as a case study. It combines his life trajectory, research findings and the criticism of his research by other scholars to explore the general understanding of China and intellectual trends embraced by German intellectuals in the early 20th century. Through analyzing Franke's influence on the development of Sinology in Germany, this study aims to obtain a holistic view on the development of German Sinology. The research will take modernity and global history as potential clues to reflect theoretically on the cultural interaction between China and Germany in the 20th century.

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