A New Perspective on *Dream of the Red Chamber*: The Concealed Aristocratic Culture of Traditional China

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*Dream of the Red Chamber* is an aristocratic novel unique in Chinese literature. As a narrative about several aristocratic families by an author of noble birth, naturally the hierarchies of aristocracy should be an essential frame of reference for understanding *Dream of the Red Chamber*. But for over a century the novel has been interpreted from a non-aristocratic or sometimes even an anti-aristocratic perspective. This lecture provides another perspective to rediscover the sense of those people and events against an aristocratic background, or rather, in the original text and context of the novel, and may give rise to a new understanding of this great novel.

This lecture will be delivered in Chinese.

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