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Dong Wang is distinguished professor of history and director of the Wellington Koo Institute at Shanghai University, a Chatham House member, and has been a research associate at the Fairbank Center of Harvard University since 2002. Her books include *Longmen’s Stone Buddhas and Cultural Heritage*, *Managing God’s Higher Learning: U.S.-China Cultural Encounter and Canton Christian College (Lingnan University), 1888–1952*, and *China’s Unequal Treaties: Narrating National History*.

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