

# Encounter between Eastern and Western Ideas

## Jesuit Missionaries in 18th-Century China

東西思想の邂逅—18世紀在華イエズス会士の報告を中心に

From the sixteenth century to the eighteenth century, Jesuits sent Europe a number of reports on China. These reports not only fascinated a small group of sinophiles and orientalists, but also widely circulated as the issue of great concern for the Republic of Letters. My presentation will take the Vie de Confucius by the French Jesuit Jean-Joseph-Marie Amiot (1718–93) as an example, and will start with two very basic questions: (1) what kind of materials in China were these Jesuits' reports based on and to what extent are these reports faithful to these materials? ; (2) to what extent did these reports deviate from any original materials, i.e., how did Jesuits show their own originality in the reports? I will address these questions and examine the influence of the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Chinese and European thoughts on Jesuits' reports.



◆ **Date** : **November 20 (Thu), 17:00-18:00**

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◆ **Venue** : **Lobby, Ground floor, Tobunken**

*\* The presentation will be in Japanese.*

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