



The Gate to the Huaqing Hot Springs Pools and Mount Li in 1936, *Huaqingchi* 1992, 41/6.

Hot Springs, Trees and Nature at Huaqing Spa Resorts in Modern Xi'an

Thursday, April 7, 2022, 16:15–18:00

The lecture will take place via Zoom. Please register here: <https://www.aoi.uzh.ch/registration>

Guest Lecture by Prof. Dr. Fei Huang, University of Tübingen

This lecture focuses on the most well-known hot spring resorts in China, Huaqing Hot Springs Palace, and its surrounding landscape in the suburb of Xi'an during the nineteenth and early twentieth century. It will illustrate the process of its transformation from an imperial palace into a local prefecture garden before the late nineteenth century. In the first decades of the twentieth century, Huaqing Hot Springs Palace, Mount Li and the surrounding landscape were recognized and reconstructed as a landscape maintenance district during the urban planning of the “Western

Capital”. This lecture will reveal how diverse perceptions and activities connected to the hot spring resorts, forest park and historical relics have been developed in both conflict and interaction with various social communities during the early twentieth century.

Prof. Huang is Professor of Chinese History and Society at the Department of Sinology, University of Tübingen. Her interdisciplinary research addresses social and cultural history in China between the 16th and 20th centuries.