



Public Lecture

China's Nearly Forgotten Dynasty: The Liao and its Ceramics

A talk by Patricia Welch

Wednesday 2 September @ 7 p.m.

Seminar Room 1 on Level 2
National Museum of Singapore
Stamford Road, Singapore

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after entering from Stamford Road entrance)



The Liao Dynasty, founded by northern China's Khitan nation, was the first of a series of dynasties known as the "conquest dynasties" that followed the Tang.

Join us as we briefly review the rise and fall of this fascinating dynasty with special attention paid to the ceramics identified with them. Speaker Patricia Bjaaland Welch has just returned from a four-week study trip in northern China led by professors from Beijing University, and a team of Chinese, Harvard, Yale and U. of Pennsylvania archaeologists. She'll share her photos and stories of this fascinating area with us and tell us of sites still strewn with Liao shards.

About the Speaker: Patricia Bjaaland Welch was a University Lecturer on Chinese religion and philosophy at Boston University. She now works in the corporate world but is an independent scholar in the area of Chinese art and symbols. An active docent at Singapore's Asian Civilisations Museum, she is also the author of Oxford University Press' *Chinese New Year* and *Chinese Art: A Guide to Motifs and Visual Imagery* (Tuttle/Periplus 2008).