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***Angkor & China:
Technological Transfer through Ceramic Production***

with Dr. Sharon Wong Wai-ye



A Khmer Covered Box Lid

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Front & Back of a Khmer Roof Tile

This talk investigates the possible technological transfer of ceramic production between Angkor and China during the 9th to 14th centuries. The Khmer Empire covered modern Cambodia, Northeast Thailand, Southern Vietnam, Laos and Tenasserim of Myanmar. Angkor was its capital. Combining archaeological findings in Angkor and China, this talk discusses two distinctive ceramic products: covered boxes and roof tiles. To what extent did the Khmers or Chinese make social and technological choices as they embraced innovative ceramic manufacturing technologies and decorative techniques? How does ceramics provide a new placing of Angkor and the port cities of China, such as Guangzhou and Quanzhou, into the interregional networks of maritime Asia? Finally, this talk will discuss how archaeological ceramics could demonstrate the powerful kingship and the vivid social life in Angkor and Chinese societies during the 9th to 14th centuries.

About the Speaker: Dr. Sharon Wong Wai-ye is an assistant professor from the Department of Anthropology at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Her research interests include Southeast Asian-Chinese cultural interaction in the pre-modern period, trade ceramic studies, heritage studies and museology. She received her Ph.D. in the Department of Southeast Asian Studies from the National University of Singapore. She undertakes her fieldwork in both Southeast Asia and China. She is currently working on ceramic research projects in Cambodia, Vietnam, South China, and the ancient maritime silk road in Asia. She has authored several journal articles in such publications as *Asian Perspectives*, *Bulletin de l'École française d'Extrême-Orient*, and *Beijing Palace Museum Journal*.