



Classical Roots of Sino-Marxism

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Sino-Marxism, from Li Dazhao to Li Zehou, cannot simply be reduced to a theoretical or ideological import (“Marxism in China”). In terms of its philosophical choices, it has always been a creative adaptation and translation of the Marxist conceptions and categories rooted in premodern Chinese thought. This lecture explores these classical roots (in the sense of 本 *ben*), focusing on three aspects: (1) tradition of political populism; (2) attempts at historical materialism; and (3) classical correlative dialectics. It will particularly focus on the conceptualizations of those three ideas proposed by Jia Yi, Li Gou, and Wang Fuzhi as well as their possible influence upon the development of the Sino-Marxist philosophy.

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