

# Symposium



**December 11, 2023**  
**10 a.m. – 12 noon &**  
**2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**Philo II, Room 02.102**

**Everyone welcome!**



## The comparative study of Chinese and Western literary and artistic thoughts in the light of interacting civilizations

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The Symposium will start with a lecture by  
**Prof. LIU Yuhong** on

**"The formation and development of  
Chinese local Chronicles"**

### **Further Information**

Please contact the Speaker of the Obama  
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A high potential delegation from the **Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of Literature**, will visit the **Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies** from Dec. 10-13, 2023.

The symposium on „The comparative study of Chinese and Western literary and artistic thoughts in the light of interacting civilizations“ will feature presentations on the fields of research by the six directors and scholars from the elite institution of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing: **Literatures in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao, Early Modern Literary Studies, Folk Literary Studies, and Digital Information Studies**. In the discussions these presentations will be linked to forms of literature and culture in the West, especially Europe and North America.

The interdisciplinary platform of the Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies is especially qualified for entertaining these interactions between different civilizations.

**The symposium is open to students, colleagues and friends interested in exchanging ideas with these Chinese experts and relating our knowledges to non-Western thought patterns. The visit of the Chinese delegation will also include information and advice for exchanges with China.**