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by
Professor Zhang Zhilian

on
“Globalization from the Perspective of Chinese History”

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Abstract

This is a big subject which Professor Zhang Zhilian treats modestly ---大題小做。 He supports his arguments by drawing from the long history of China as well as from his personal experience from the World War II to present.

His talk falls into 3 parts:

- (1) a discussion of different interpretations of globalization;
- (2) a retrospection of China's long march toward globalization; and
- (3) a comment on the crisis of 'cultural identity' under the impact of globalization.

Professor Zhang Zhilian

Professor Zhang has been a Professor at Peking University following Associate Professor at Guanghai University (1948-51); and Yenching University (1951-52). He graduated from Guanghai University in 1940 with a BA in English and History and is one of China's leading historians and specializes in Modern European History.

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Professor Zhang was decorated Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur in 1985.