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CHINESE ALTAR SETS



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Time : 16:30-18:00

Venue : Room 221A, Fung King Hey Building

For centuries, incense offering has been standard practice in all religious rites in China. In practically all temples and shrines, visitors notice one or more sets of altar vessels. Oftentimes, the altar set consists of a censer, two candlesticks and two vases. The presentation will show how altar vessels were used in various religious settings, how the set with five vessels were codified, and how they were collected and appropriated by Europeans and Americans prior to the twentieth century.



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