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How do intellectuals with a Western cultural and language background perceive and understand the religious phenomena they observe in East Asia? How does their mind process written or spoken information conveyed in foreign script and languages? This lecture will examine some facets of the cognitive and semiological relationship existing between the modern science of Sinology and source-language data. **Grégoire Espeset** is associate member of the Groupe Sociétés Religions Laïcités (GSRL) in Paris. His current work focuses on intellectual and literary production in imperial China from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages, the comparative epistemology of premodern China and the modern West, and contemporary European-language scholarly discourse on East Asia.

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