

# ***Art, Nature and Society in Contemporary China***

## **An Online Specialist Art Short Course**

**17 October – 05 December 2025**

### **Friday 17 October 2025**

13.30 – 15.00

#### ***Beyond Nature: Critical Landscape in Contemporary Chinese Art***

Dr Chang Tan (Associate Professor of Art History and Asian Studies, Pennsylvania State University)

### **Friday 24 October 2025**

13.00 – 14.30

#### ***Photographic Ecologies: Landscape Mosaics, Displacement, and the Perception of Anthropocene Time***

Dr William Schaefer (Associate Professor of Chinese Studies and Visual Culture, Durham University)

### **Friday 31 October 2025**

13.00 – 14.30

#### ***Air Pollution, Art, and Environmental Activism in China***

Dr Thomas R Johnson (Lecturer in International Politics, University of Sheffield)

### **Friday 07 November 2025**

13.00 – 14.30

#### ***The Eco Body: Performing Ecology, Culture, and Social Struggles***

Xie Rong (artist, researcher, and educator)

### **Friday 14 November 2025**

13.00 – 14.30

#### ***The Art of Chinese Gardens: From Sensory Experience to Environmental Sustainability***

Dr Xinrui Zhang (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Humanities Research Centre at the University of York)

### **Friday 21 November 2025**

13.00 – 14.30

#### ***The Digital Body: The Individual and Society in Chinese New Media Art***

Dr Angela Becher (Lecturer in Chinese Film Studies, University of Liverpool)

### **Friday 28 November 2025**

13.00 – 14.30

#### ***The Acculturation of Waste: Francophone Chinese Art Installations***

Dr Rosalind Silvester (Reader in Francophone Studies, Queen's University Belfast)

### **Friday 05 December 2025**

13.00 – 14.30

#### ***Immersive Advocacy: Art, Air, and Activism in the Pollution Pods***

Dr Michael Pinsky (artist and Reader in Fine Art at the University of East London)

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