What Belongs to the Nation Belongs to the World: The Art and Culture of Southern China in the Han Dynasty

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The Lingnan (Guangdong) region during the Han dynasty (206 BCE - 220 CE) was a major center for exchange between China and the West. These early exchanges became the basis for the maritime silk road that was so critical to developments in later Chinese and European history. This talk examines historical sources and extant artifacts of Han Dynasty Lingnan to demonstrate the inclusive nature of early Chinese culture and elucidate the view that “What belongs to the nation belongs to the world; what belongs to the world belongs to the nation.”

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