

# COLLOQUIUM BY JOANNA WALEY-COHEN

HIGHER EDUCATION IN CHINA: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

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## ABSTRACT:

Joanna Waley-Cohen traces the arc of education in China from imperial times through the creation of national universities in the 20th century and the various phases of their development. She concludes with an account of NYU Shanghai, the first Sino-US joint venture in higher education, invited to provide a possible model for the transformation of higher education in China, but as a historian whose expertise concerns the past, she does not venture to make any specific predictions about the future.

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## BIO:

Joanna Waley-Cohen is the Provost for NYU Shanghai and Julius Silver Professor of History at New York University, where she has taught Chinese history since 1992.

She received her B.A. and M.A. degrees in Chinese Studies from Cambridge University and her Ph.D. degree in History from Yale University. Her research interests include early modern Chinese history; China and the West; and Chinese imperial culture, especially in the Qianlong era. She has received many honors, including archival and postdoctoral fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies; Goddard and Presidential Fellowships from NYU; and an Olin Fellowship in Military and Strategic History from Yale University.

Her books include *The Culture of War in China: Empire and the Military under the Qing Dynasty* (I.B. Tauris, 2006); *The Sextants of Beijing: Global Currents in Chinese History* (W.W. Norton, 1999); and *Exile in Mid-Qing China: Banishment to Xinjiang, 1758-1820* (Yale University Press, 1991).