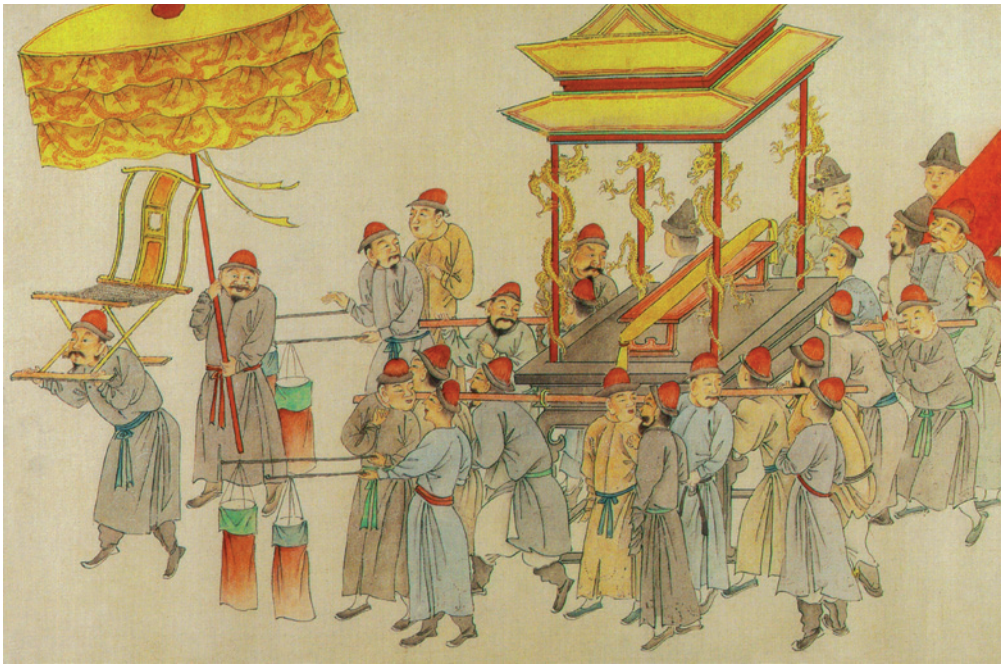


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**"Household Sovereignty Usurped"**

The Kangxi Emperor Hosts an Offering Ritual for the  
Deceased Mother of His Favourite Minister



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Key item is the idea of 'hosting' in Chinese religious and political life. The talk examines the curious case of an offering ritual (諭祭) sponsored by the Kangxi Emperor for the deceased mother of his favourite minister Xiong Cilü (熊賜履). The whole ritual was recorded in the form of two long scrolls supplemented by a text by the painter. The presence of the emperor (though in absentia) completely disturbed the spatial arrangement of the offering ritual and powerfully demonstrated how the emperor could usurp the filial son's household sovereignty.