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# "A Forest of Laughter - Humor in Early China"



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The lecture will present an overview on early concepts and practices related to "humor" in ancient China, to then focus on the analysis of the Xiaolin 笑林 (Forest of Laughter), a collection of "humorous" stories composed by Handan Chun 邯郸淳 (?132–225? AD), a famous scholar of Later Han – Wei period. This text is now considered the first collection of jokes (*xiaohua* 笑话) in the history of Chinese literature.