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✿ *IBS Numata Lecture Series* ✿

“Esoteric Buddhism During the Song Dynasty (960- 1279)”

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The Tang Dynasty (618-906) is commonly depicted as the pinnacle of Buddhism in China. Likewise, the Tang is portrayed as the moment when Esoteric Buddhism briefly flourished in the court and was imbibed by the Japanese pilgrims Kūkai and Saichō. Indeed, most treatments of Esoteric Buddhism in East Asia follow Kūkai and continue their narrative in Japan with little or no reference to further developments on the Asian mainland. This is unfortunate, as Esoteric traditions in China continued to develop on a trajectory uninfluenced by Japanese developments. In this talk Prof. Orzech examines important developments of Song Esoteric Buddhism.

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