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TITLE

“Extracting Individuals: The Origins of International Identity Documentation, 1898-1907”

SPEAKER

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Abstract

Most of the concepts, categories and procedures that frame modern migration control, were forged during attempts to control Asian migration to white settler nations in the late 19th century. This talk looks at the specific ways that Chinese migrants were extracted from their social networks and recast as individuals bearing specific qualities that can be inserted into bureaucratic categories, and the international standardization of paperwork that accompanied this process.

About the Speaker