Flirting with China: An American Anthropologist’s Experience

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ABSTRACT Anthropology has sought to become an objective science, focusing on the lives and lifestyles of people around the world. More recently, a move by feminist anthropologists has opened the way for subjective views, for conveying feelings and personal involvement, and for examining relationships between anthropologist and studied group, has emerged. This account is an examination of my own personal and life-long intrigue with China, culminating in attendance at the IUAES meeting held in Beijing in 2000.

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