The Oriental Society cordially invites members, friends and guests of the Society to the end of year seminar 2008. After the presentation a Christmas dinner party will be held at the Mu Kung Hwa restaurant. Please join us for a most interesting seminar and after the seminar for dinner to celebrate our 2008 year.

Date: Monday 8th December 2008
Time: 5.00pm to 6.15 pm
Venue: The Refectory Room, Main Quad., The University of Sydney

Speaker: Lily Lee
Title: An illustrated talk on women along the Silk Road: images from the murals of Dunhuang and archaeological findings along the Silk Road

Abstract: Little textual material has been found on women along the Silk Road to offer us a good understanding of them; however, by resorting to artistic presentations, some insights can be gained. This talk aims at finding out from the Buddhist murals in Dunhuang how women are presented and looking at the attitude towards women of the artists and those who sponsored their art works. It also looks to see if scenes from the everyday life lives of actual women on the Silk Road are portrayed in these murals. Lastly, it is about what the funerary objects found in tombs along the Silk Road and what they tell us about women living in these areas.

Biography: Lily Xiao Hong Lee is an honorary Associate of the School of Languages and Cultures, University of Sydney. She retired from teaching for that school but continues to be active in research in the area of Chinese women's history and literature. Her publications include The Virtue of Yin: Studies on Chinese Women (1994), Women of the Long March (1999, co-authored with Sue Wiles) and numerous articles on Chinese literature and Chinese women. She initiated the multi-volume reference work Biographical Dictionary of Chinese Women and of which she was co-editor-in-chief with Agnes Stefanowska; and with the passing of Agnes, the final volume covering Tang to Ming will be co-edited with Sue Wiles. A Chinese edition of the Dictionary will be published by Sydney University Press, under the sponsorship of the School of Languages and Cultures.


Time: 7:00 for 7:30
Venue: Mu Kung Hwa Restaurant
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