



# RELIGION IN CHINA TODAY

## Back to the Center of State and Society

For almost a century, Chinese leaders have pursued an agenda of top-down secularization, with most religions heavily persecuted or banned. However, religion is now back at the center of Chinese society and politics—the country awash with new temples, churches, and mosques, as well as cults, sects, and politicians trying to harness religion for their own ends.

Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist on China, Ian Johnson, will paint the backdrop of Chinese religious policy against which such seemingly contradictory developments as the accord with the Vatican, the breathtaking restoration of Beijing's North Cathedral, the demolition of countless other churches, and the forced reeducation of Muslims in Xinjiang all play out.

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Ian Johnson,  
*Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019**  
**6:30 PM**

**Loyola University Chicago**  
**Water Tower Campus**

*The evening will end with an opportunity for questions and discussion.*

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