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Chinese Bodies as Biological  
Surplus: Plastinated Cadavers  
and Geopolitical Hierarchies  
of the Human

*A firestorm of human rights critiques often greets the opening of an exhibit of plastinated cadavers in Europe and North America, obscuring any attempts to critique the notion of the human (and indeed of "rights") in the smoke from its blaze. My talk asks what a comparative examination of Chinese-language discourse on the plastinated human cadaver exhibits might reveal about the political economics of race and capital distribution that inform them.*

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