Forget Chineseness: On the Geopolitics of Cultural Identification

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This talk is an overview of an upcoming book. The talk argues on the one hand that prevailing concepts of identity are based on flawed notions of ethnicity and culture in the social sciences, exacerbated moreover by our interpretation of identity "politics". This has obvious relevance to the way one understands differences between "Chinese" societies, such as in Hong Kong, Taiwan, PRC, Singapore and communities "overseas", as well as epistemic aspects of their socio-political transformation.

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