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PRESENTS:**

**"SECULARIZED RELIGION AND SACRALIZED  
REVOLUTION IN POSTSOCIALIST CHINA"**

**JIFENG LIU**

**Xiamen University**

This presentation examines the history and cultural significance of a People's Liberation Army Temple in a southeast coastal town of China. The temple is dedicated to the religious worship of 27 Chinese Communist soldiers who died during battles with Nationalist troops. While the military and government treat the temple as a political resource, it remains a site of active worship, and the religious and political dimensions align in a mutually accepted narrative. Local cultural history and religious traditions, as well as the complexities of local politics and civil-military relations, are highly relevant to China's grassroots religious revivals.

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