Abstract: In this presentation, Yun Shen will give a general introduction to the studies of the history of ethnic groups in China. She will explore some of the main concerns of these studies, as well as provide a historical perspective on the origins and development of the 56 ethnic groups that are currently living within China’s territory.

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