

# TANG Yun

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## **Current institutional Affiliation** (since 2018)

Professor of Anthropology  
School of Ethnological Studies, Southwest Minzu University,  
Chengdu, Sichuan Province, 610041, P.R. China

## **Research Interests:**

Anthropology of disaster  
Space & Territory /Landscape Representations and Memories  
Heritage and religion/heritagization/Museum  
Legal anthropology in local religion  
Social transformations

## **Geographic areas of interest in China:**

Central and Southeast Guizhou (24 months of ethnographic fieldwork)

In Dong area for master degree's research (2004-2005)

In Huaxi District for the PhD's research (2005-2007)

On rituals in Tupu villages (2008-2010)

On fire disasters in Zenchong (2012-2014)

Western and Northern Sichuan (7 months of ethnographic fieldwork)

On a participating project for locals in E'r village (2008)

On the house name system and the Daizi Festival in rGyal rong (since 2009)

On desertification in Zoige grassland (since 2012)

On heritage and religion in Dujiangyan (since 2012)

## **Editorial and institutional Responsibilities:**

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| 2016-2018    | Anthropology Editor, <i>Journal of Southwest Minzu University</i> , Southwest Minzu University                              |
| 2012-present | Vice-director, Center for Anthropology and Ethnology Research, Southwest Minzu University                                   |
| 2011-present | Vice-editor, <i>Information of Ethnology</i> , Southwest Minzu University   |
| 2010-2018    | Associate Professor of Anthropology, School of Ethnological Studies, Southwest Minzu University                             |
| 2008-2010    | Research Fellow of Anthropology, School of Ethnological Studies, School of Ethnological Studies, Southwest Minzu University |
| 2006-2008    | Academic assistant, Center for Theoretical and Methodological Inquiries in Anthropology, Central Minzu University           |

## **Visiting Position**

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| 2016-2017 | Academic Visitor at School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnology, Oxford University, Oxford, UK |
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## **Education:**

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| 2005-2008 | PhD in Anthropology, Central Minzu University, Beijing, China    |
| 2003-2005 | Master in Anthropology, Central Minzu University, Beijing, China |

## **Honors and Awards**

- 2015 Third Place, Best Research Reports of 2015, (Report title: *Fire Cause and Fire Control in Southwest China: An Anthropological Study of Fire in Guizhou Dong Villages*). Chinese State Ethnic Affairs Commission
- 2011 & 2010 Outstanding Faculty Award, Southwest University for Nationalities (Awarded for the academic achievement and teaching of 2010 & 2011)
- 2010 Third Place, Best Monographs on Ethnic Study of 2010 (Project title: *Cultural Representations of Marginal Societies*). Chinese State Ethnic Affairs Commission
- 2009 Second Place, Best Research Reports of 2009 (Report title: *A Research Report of the Reconstruction after 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake*). Chinese State Ethnic Affairs Commission

## **Selected Funded Research Projects**

Project Leader: 5 (2 Funded by National Social Science Fund of China)

- 2018-present Constructing *Resilience in the Nomadic Tribes in Eastern Qinghai-Tibet Plateau*, Project Leader. Funded by National Social Science Fund of China
- 2014-2015 *Comparative Study of Disaster and Upheavals: Perceptions and Responses*, Project leader. Funded by State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs of China
- 2013-present *An Anthropological Study on the Disaster and Disaster Response in Tibetan-Yi Corridor*. Project Co-leader with Yuan Zhang. Funded by National Social Science Fund of China.
- 2013-present *The Religion and Social Order in Kham*. Project Co-leader. Funded by National Social Science Fund of China.
- 2013-2014 *Museum and Material Cultural: Dialogues between Britain and China*. Project leader. Funded by State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs of China.
- 2012-present *The Local in China's Heritage: Theoretical and Methodological Reflections* led by Harriet Evans and Michael Rowlands. Research Team Member. Funded by the Leverhulme Trust of UK
- 2010-2014 *Local Experience and the Construction of Long-term Scientific Measure of Disaster Control in Southwest China*. Project Leader. Funded by National Social Science Fund of China

## **Teaching Activities:**

- Supervisor of 15 graduate students since 2010  
Supervisor of 9 Master's degree thesis since 2010  
Teaching 3 graduate students' yearly courses since 2008  
Teaching 4 undergraduate students' yearly courses since 2017

## **Publications**

- Books (3, in Chinese)  
Papers (24 in last 5 years, 2 in English)  
Book Chapters (4, in Chinese)

## **Invited Talks (in English)**

- In USA (1, Tulane University)  
In United Kingdom (4, Oxford University)  
In France (2, CEH, CECMC)  
In Italy (1, Catania University)

## Conference/Workshop Organization Activities

International Workshop (3)  
Panel of International Conference (1)  
National Conference (4, in last 5 years)  
Seminars and Talks (35, in last 5 years)

### Selected Publications:

#### **Books**

- 2016 *The Ritual, Landscape, Narration and Perception of Disaster*, [in Chinese]. Beijing: the Ethnic Publishing House. A collection of 6 research reports on 3 topics: ritual, landscape, disaster. All studies were carried out in the last decade in southwest China, including Central and Southeast Guizhou, Western and Northern Sichuan. These reports present some attempts to theoretical reflection on ethnic relations, disaster, materiality, social memory, rituals and ceremonies.
- 2008 *In the Name of Mountain: The Landscape, Rumor and Historicity in the Cultural Contact in Central Guizhou* [in Chinese]. Beijing: the Ethnic Publishing House. A monograph and ethnography on a multi ethnic region in Central Guizhou. This book refuses to limit the description of this region as a society or culture. Instead, by studying the regional landscapes, it explores how complexities of different ethnic groups as well as different migrations came into being and kept changing over time.
- 2007 *Cultural Representations of Marginal Societies* [in Chinese]. With YANG Zhengwen and ZHANG Yuan, Chengdu: Sichuan Ethnic Publishing House. It's a collection of 5 ethnographic reports on southeast Guizhou. These reports focus on the period since locals were recognized as ethnic minorities (Minzu), including Miao, Dong and Shui etc. From different perspectives, we analyze how ethnic groups in this region represent themselves and are represented by others, and reveal the poetic and politics of cultural representation in these societies.

#### **Edited Volumes**

- 2014 TANG Yun, and ZHANG Yuan, eds. *Selected Republic Archives on Law in Anshun (Vol. 1)* [in Chinese]. Beijing: The Ethnic Publishing House.
- 2011 TANG Yun, and ZHANG Yuan, eds. *Selected Republic Archives on Chamber of Commerce in Anshun* [in Chinese]. Beijing: The Ethnic Publishing House.
- 2008 WANG Jianmin and TANG Yun eds. *Anthropology Since the Disciplines Redefined in China* [in Chinese]. Beijing: Central University for Nationalities Press.

#### **Research reports in English in Academic Journal**

- 2018 On Jankowiak, William R. & Robert L. Moore's book *Family Life in China (2016)*, in *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (24, 3: 647-648).
- 2014 Crossing Borders and Paradigms: the Intermediaries and the Reformation of Anthropology, with ZHANG Yuan in *Cahier d'Extrême-Asie* (23). Available online: [https://www.persee.fr/doc/asia\\_0766-1177\\_2014\\_num\\_23\\_1\\_1441](https://www.persee.fr/doc/asia_0766-1177_2014_num_23_1_1441)

#### **Main Journal Articles and Book Chapters (in Chinese)**

- 2018 The Social Resilience in the Disaster Relief: a Case Study on an Affected Qiang Village in Wenchuan 5·12 Earthquake of 2008, *Social Sciences in Yunnan* (5: 10-16)
- 2016 a. Misunderstanding James Frazer in His Memorial Lecture Series: the Regicide and its Meaning in Divine Kingship. *Journal of Southwest University for Nationalities* (12: 20-26).
- b. Rethinking the Vulnerability and Re-Categorizing the Disasters, *Qinghai Journal of Ethnology* (3: 6-10).

- 2015 a. Desertification in Alpine Wetlands and Grasslands: The Natural/Cultural Cause and Social Response to It, *Journal of Southwest University for Nationalities*, 10: 7-12.
- b. Fire Cause and Fire Control in Southwest China: An Anthropological Study of Fire in Guizhou Dong Villages, *Thinking*, 2: 31-36.
- c. Fabricating the Glory of the “Sun King”: The Divine Kingship and the Shaping of Nation-State in The Fabrication of Louis XIV, *Journal of Ethnology*, 4: 17-21.
- 2013 a. The Modern Representation and Expression of the Borderland: Imagination and Academic Practice of the Miao Area. *Journal of Yunnan Normal University*, 3: 17-23.
- b. Viewing Inter-ethnicity through the Lens of Ritual Spectacles: An Anthropology Exploration of the Jumping Flower Fertility Ritual in Central Guizhou Province, China. *Journal of Southwest University for Nationalities*, 4: 16-29. Reprinted in *Research on Nationalities* 3: 50-57, issued by Information Center for Social Sciences of Renmin University of China.
- c. The Trail and Didacticism in Divine Justice: A Planchette Writing Ritual in a Tunpu Village of Central Guizhou. In *Anthropology of Religion* (4), Ze Jin and Jinguo Cheng eds, Pp. 84-103. Beijing: Social Science Academy Press.
- d. The Liminal Stage after the Earthquake. In *A'er Village: the Reconstruction after the 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake*, Zhengwen Yang and Bin Jiang eds., Pp. 31-50. Wuhan: Huazhong University of Science and Technology Press.

### **Invited Talks (In English):**

- 2017 The Return of the Divine King: The Daizi Festival and the Politics of rGyalrong. Talk presented to Oriental Institute, Oxford University, Oxford, UK
- Pacifying the Souls: Yi Migrations in Chengdu, China. Talk presented to The Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, Oxford University, Oxford, UK
- The Return of the Divine King: The Daizi Festival in rGyal rong and the Politics of the Sino-Tibetan Frontier. Talk presented to Centre d'Etudes Himalayennes, CNRS, Paris, FR
- The Anxiety of ‘Rootlessness’: Identity Politics and Neo-Heritage in Chengdu (Sichuan, China) after the Wenchuan Earthquake (2008). Talk presented to Department of Social Science, Catania University, Catania, IT.
- The Fear of Pollution: Housename and Bönpo Purification Rituals in Western Sichuan. Talk presented to The Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Oxford University, Oxford, UK
- The Anxiety of ‘Rootlessness’: Identity Politics and Neo-Heritage in Chengdu (Sichuan, China) after the Wenchuan Earthquake (2008). Talk presented to CECMC, CNRS/EHESS, Paris, FR
- The Sand in the World: the Desertification and Its Response in Eastern Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau. Talk presented to China Center, Oxford University, Oxford, UK
- 2015 The Fire and Its Control in Old Towns/Villages of Southwest China: An Anthropological Investigation of the Dong People. Talk presented to Department of Anthropology, Tulane University, New Orleans, USA