Lecture

THREE PHASES IN THE ETHICAL LIFE OF THE CHINESE GARDEN

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Abstract

Among the shared distinctions that make China's different gardens “Chinese” are the cultural reasons (social, political, philosophical, aesthetic) for their coming into being in the first place, the conventional forms that they took in response to the social functions expected of them, and the roles that gardens came to play, both literally and metaphorically, in Confucian political ethics and its rhetoric. This lecture maps three phases in the developing ethical outlook on gardens in China beginning in the 4th century.