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Paleoethnobotany in the Chinese Bronze Age: Understanding Early Urbanization through Plant Remains

Tang Special Lecture

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 | 4:30 – 6:00 PM | 403 Kent Hall
Columbia University | 1140 Amsterdam Ave (W. 116th St.)

Urbanization during the Chinese Bronze Age was not merely a demographic aggregation, but a profound transformation of social organization and lifestyle. Drawing on two decades of archaeobotanical findings from major urban centers and secondary sites in the Central Plains and the Shandong region, this report re-examines the life of early cities through paleoethnobotanical evidence.

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