## 2015 Sociology of Religion Seminar

Directed by Professor Fenggang Yang

## Contours of the Sacred: A Workshop on the Geospatial Study of Religion and Society

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This two-hour workshop combines a lecture and demonstration on the uses and future of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology in the study of religion and society. We will begin with an overview of different ways that historians, sociologists, and geographers have approached the study of space and place in recent decades. In the second part of this workshop, the presenter will



provide a short introduction to creating database using Esri's ArcMap and ArcGlobe software (free to all Purdue faculty and students). The workshop will conclude with a sneak peak at the Center on Religion and Chinese Society's new project, a software platform that allows an international team of scholars to collaboratively study the religious landscape of China.



