

**Yunnan “South of the Clouds”:  
A Cultural and Historical Overview  
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**Places, people and Terms in the Lecture**

Yunnan Province

Yun-Gui Plateau

Three parallel rivers:

Yangtze (Changjiang)

Mekong (Lancang)

Salween (Nujiang)

Mount Kawagebo (Meli xueshan)

Hekou, Yuanyang rice terraces

Napa hai

Minority nationalities (shaoshu minzu)

Dali: Bai nationality)

Lijiang: Naxi nationality)

“Shangrila” (Zhongdian, Gyalthang): Tibetan nationality

Dian Kingdom (excavations at Jinning, Mount Shizhai)

Dali Kingdom (founder Pi Luoge)

Nanzho Kingdom (founder Duan Siping)

Kublai Khan

Sayid Ajall Shams al-Din Omar al Bukhari (Sai Dianchi)

Panthay Rebellion and Du Wenxiu

Mao Zedong

Great Leap Forward (1957-1961)

Cultural Revolution (1966-1976)

Reform Era (1978 – present)