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After doctoral studies at Oxford and Paris, Franciscus Verellen taught at Columbia University, New York, and the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris. He held visiting appointments at Princeton University and the University of California at Berkeley. Verellen is an honorary research fellow in the University of Hong Kong and a member of the International Advisory Board and Senior Research Fellow of the Institute of Chinese Studies, the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

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