

Immanence and the Archaeology of Power

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Presentation Outline

- Immanence, ontology, and archaeology
- The archaeology of power
 - Power to act, a body's potential
 - Power to restrain or capture
- Encounter, becoming, and transformation
 - Infinite modes of being
 - Micropolitics and power
- The Yin People (殷遗民 Yin yimin): A case study

Immanence and Ontology in Archaeology

- Post-structuralism, Post-humanism, and the “Ontological Turn”
 - New materialisms, assemblage, and relational ontology in archaeology
 - Affect theories and process thought
- Shift of focus
 - Flows, becomings, movements, and transformations
- Resisting dualities and the primacy of human causality
- Concerns and Challenges
 - Representation, responsibility, individuality, and gloss

An Archaeology of Power

- Everyday lifeways and Ordinary Spaces
- Power as corresponding elements
 - Power to restrain or capture
 - Power to act or the active potential of a body
- Encounter, passages, and transformations
- Moving away from linear causality and hierarchies of being in archaeological theories of power

Conclusion

- Yin people and immanency of being
- Ordinary spaces as potentially micropolitical