

If Not Now, When?

The world needs us to repair it; and it needs it now

Union for Reform Chinese Culture (URCC)

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1 What I Write

Ivri Lider: *Zachiti Leehov* February 10, 2026

Letter to the Editor: *Abundance for the 99 Percent* in *Jacobin*—Why centrism still works August 4, 2025

A Debate on How to Do Philosophy—Paul Graham vs. James Somers: Is philosophy more than a word salad? August 5, 2025

Meritocracy yet to be defeated: A rebuke against Michael Sandel August 24, 2025

2 What I Browse

“You’re probably using the wrong dictionary.”¹ Arguing for a return of the original Webster’s edition of dictionary which uses livelier, more classical, and context-specific language

“Google Scholar.”² Combined with your individual scholarship library subscription,

1. James Somer, “You’re Probably Using the Wrong Dictionary,” The jsomers.net blog, accessed August 7, 2025, <https://jsomers.net/blog/dictionary>.

2. Google, “Google Scholar,” Google Scholar, <https://scholar.google.ca/>.

a powerful search engine.

3 Mission

The Union for Reform Chinese Culture (URCC) seeks to reform Chinese culture to accommodate progressive and democratic values using radical centrism,³ with reasoning based on the classical and contemporary Chinese cultural canon, to benefit the Chinese diaspora and all people of Chinese culture.

4 URCC Manual of Style

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3. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radical_centrism

4. <https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>

5. If the context is enough to identify the exact location of the source on a website, the footnote or sidenote may be omitted. Users can use the browser's search function to locate the source quote.

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6 References

- Google. “Google Scholar.” Google Scholar. <https://scholar.google.ca/>.
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