

Reform Chinese Culture *For All Voices, In All Places*

Union for Reform Chinese Culture (URCC)

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1 What I Write

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

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, 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.

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, accessed August 7, 2025, <https://scholar.google.ca/>.

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

4 URCC Manual of Style

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6 References

- Google. “Google Scholar.” Google Scholar. Accessed August 7, 2025. <https://scholar.google.ca/>.
- Somer, James. “You’re Probably Using the Wrong Dictionary.” The jsomers.net blog. Accessed August 7, 2025. <https://jsomers.net/blog/dictionary>.

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

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