

## **“Sima Qian as a Reader of Master Kong's Utterances”**

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Based on selected quotes in the Shiji 史記 (Records of the Scribe) this lecture attempts to shed light on Sima Qian's 司馬遷 (c.145-c.85 BC) readings of the utterances of Confucius in the wider context of the reception of the Lunyu 論語 (Analects). It understands the records and interpretations transmitted in the Shiji as a widely overlooked early hermeneutical attempt to contextualise and clarify the meaning of statements made by Master Kong.