Confucius in a Business Suit: Civilizational Norms in the Twenty-First Century
Stele Rubbing of Confucius (551-479 B.C.)
Buddhist symbol, the *chakra*

Depiction of Laozi
Elite vs. popular spectrum

CONFUCIANISM: A form of culture, an ideology, a system of learning, a tradition of normative values

BUDDHISM: Monasteries, nunneries/monks, nuns vs. lay believers

DAOISM: philosophic system, system of practice (taiqi, qigong); village ritual specialists
Historical Phases

1. 1916-
   New Culture Movement Attack on Traditional Norms

2. Maoist period, 1949-76
   Cultural Revolution, 1966-76
   Anti-Confucius, Anti-Lin Biao, 1973-74

3. Revival, 1980s-
   New Confucianism
   Buddhist, Daoist revival
Confucianism in China Today

• Academic learning, part of global conversation on Confucian-type capitalism, East Asian identity
• Policy references
• For daily life: Yu Dan’s Analects
• “Soft power”: Confucius Institutes
• Civilizational symbol for foreign audiences