

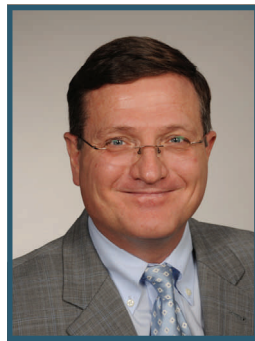


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**The Yin and Yang of Religious Freedom in China:  
Current Dynamics in Historical Perspective**



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**3:30 pm**  
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After the draconian restrictions of the Cultural Revolution were eased, there was a general revival of religion throughout the country in China. While there is a fair degree of religious latitude granted by society in general (the yang, or light side of religious regulation), the government is less reluctant to afford such latitude (the yin, or dark side of religious regulation). Why? What are the government's incentives to regulate religions? How much latitude they will allow to religions?

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