

The City in Chinese History and Culture

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Which Chinese cities have you been to?

Anyang Beijing **Chengdu** Chongqing

Guangzhou Hong Kong Hangzhou

Kaifeng Luoyang **Macau** Nanjing Ningbo

Quanzhou Shanghai Suzhou Taipei

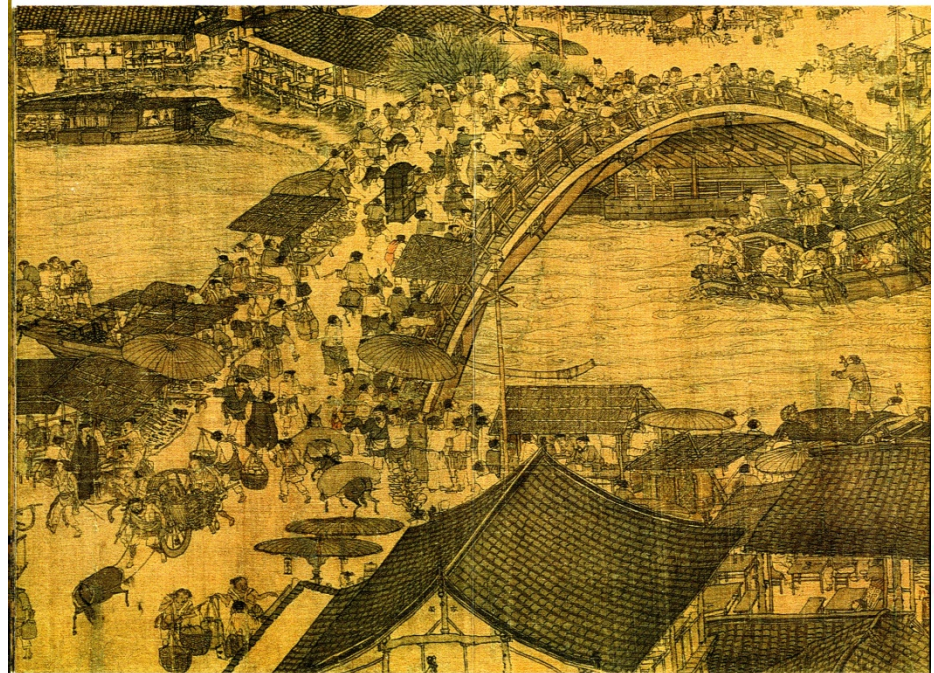
Tianjin Wuhan Wuxi Xi'an Yangzhou ...



Better City, Better Life

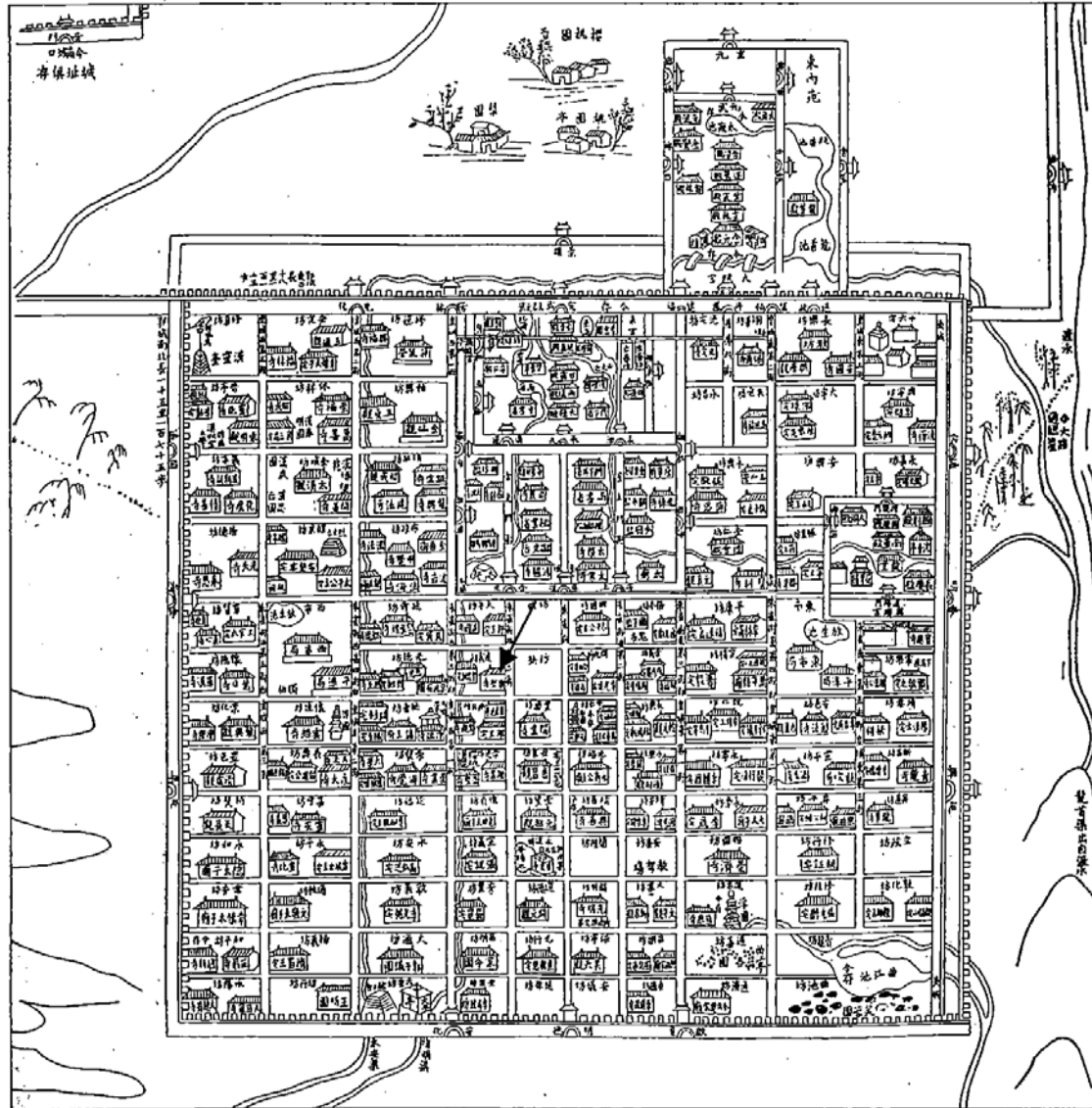
– theme of Shanghai Expo 2010

- From Shanghai Expo 2010 to *Along the River During the Ching-ming Festival*
- City as mirror of society



How would you depict your home city?

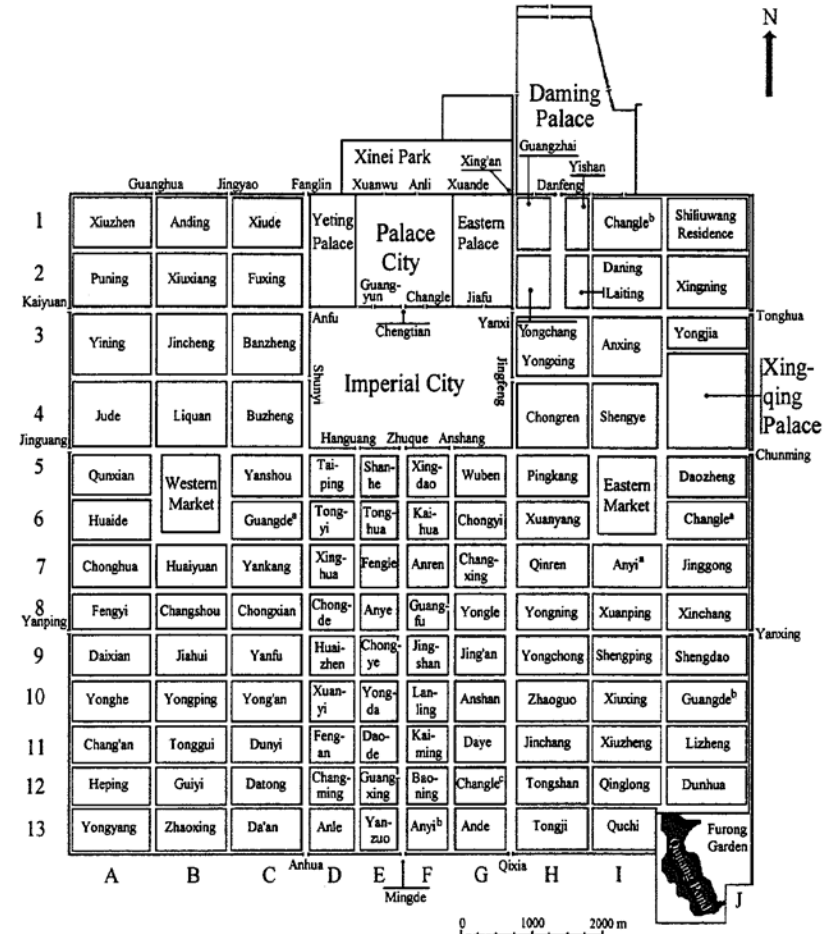
- Words?
- A city plan?
- by paint brush?





Course aims

- explore the changing cultural space of Chinese cities in historical context
- interrogate the generic yet complex relationship between cities and city dwellers
- equip you with dynamic cultural awareness in the emerging multi-cultural-and-ethnic global society in the 21st century



Plan of Chang'an (today's Xi'an)



What will you learn?

- **Case study**
- Thematic and interdisciplinary approach
- art, archaeology, trade, gender, religions, diasporas, colonialism, popular culture, literary and visual representation
- early global cities, immigrant cities, industrial cities, colonial cities etc.
- e.g. Beijing, Chengdu, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Hangzhou, Kaifeng, Nanjing, Ningbo, Shanghai, Suzhou, Tianjin, Xi'an



Assessment

- Classroom participation
- Tutorials
- Online discussion
- Group project
- Field trip report

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