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Review of Religion and Chinese Society (RRCS) is an international peer-reviewed journal that publishes articles and book reviews in social sciences and certain humanities disciplines. All articles will be in English, and Chinese titles and abstracts will be provided as well.

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-It welcomes studies that compare religion in Chinese and some other societies.

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Sun, Anna Xiao dong. 2005. "The Fate of Confucianism as a Religion in Socialist China: Controversies and Paradoxes." In *State, Market, and Religions in Chinese Societies*, edited by Fenggang Yang and Joseph B. Tamney, pp. 229-254. Leiden; Boston: Brill. 10.1163/22143955-04102002b.

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