Utopia in the Revival of Confucian Education
An Ethnography of the Classics-reading Movement in Contemporary China
Sandra Gilgan, University of Bonn

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