

Using chopsticks in eating has distinguished peoples in East and Southeast Asia from others, e.g. the uses of hand(s) or of fork and knife. When were chopsticks adopted as an important eating tool in Asia? How did their use—its style and etiquette--differently from one place to another in the region? In this lecture, using the format of Powerpoint presentation, Professor Wang is going to share his research and thoughts on these interesting questions. In particular, he will discuss the changing style of chopsticks-use in Ming China (1368-1644) and its far-reaching impact on food cultures in today's Asia and beyond.