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China's Environmental Challenges in a Long-term Historical Context

A Lecture and Discussion with Historian Robert Marks

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CHINA TODAY HAS emerged as the world's largest economy, and that rapid economic development has brought with it massive environmental changes and challenges. China also has the longest continuous and documented history of any place on earth. That history provides us with an opportunity to place China's current environmental challenges into a very long-term context. As one historian put it, China has experienced "three thousand years of unsustainable development."

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