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### Current Affiliation & Position

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### Research Expertise

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### Self-introduction

**Yining Liu** was born in Taipei, Taiwan. She received Ph.D. degrees (in Sociology) from National Taiwan University and focused on the studies of Taiwan Humanistic Buddhism, including the three important Buddhist Organizations of Fo Guang Shan, Dharma Drum Mountain, and Tzu Chi.

Her research interests involve three dimensions:

First, she is interested in modernity and religious innovation, especially focusing on the cultural reproduction of traditional religions like the new Buddhism movement.

Second, religious identity and religious practice in every-day life is also one of her research concerns. The concepts of the Hermeneutics of subject or the government of self by the French philosopher and social theorist Michel Foucault's books would be integrated to better understand the cultural meaning of modern Buddhist practices in Taiwan.

Third, she also follows the spatial turn of sociology to investigate the religious representations of social space in the trend of urbanization and also tries to investigate how religious organizations usually make great social spaces for their followers to keep their deep faith.

From these three dimensions, she is going to connect the sociology of religion, sociology of everyday life and sociology of space to better understand the future of religions in the trend of modernization.