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**“Ethnic Conflicts” or “Mass Incidents”?
How to Understand the Ethnic Relations from a
Holistic Perspective**

Wednesday, October 20, 1:30-3:00 pm

Sassafras Room, Indiana Memorial Union
900 E. 7th Street, IU-Bloomington Campus

In this talk, Professor Yang argues against the use of concept “ethnic conflict” to describe mass incidents in Xinjiang. He combines an analysis of the broader social, economic, cultural and historical factors shaping mass incidents with his own personal experiences.

Professor Yang is an expert on ethnic minorities in China who teaches at Xinjiang University. Currently a visiting scholar at the University of South California (USC), he is also pursuing his doctorate at China Nationalities University in Beijing. Born in Urumqi, the capital of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, Professor Yang is a Hui, a Chinese-speaking ethnic minority. As a scholar in Hui Studies, he emphasizes the importance of the ethnological discipline in his research. His current research at USC involves comparing how religion and ethnicity shape the identity of Muslim minorities in the United States.

The event is free and open to the public. No RSVP necessary.

