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EARLY EUROPEAN SCHOLARS' RESEARCH ON CHINESE PARTS OF SPEECH:

A case study of James Summers (1828-1891)

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Whether Chinese words can be classified, which criteria should be applied to classify them, and how to deal with some special parts of speech in Chinese puzzled early European scholars. This lecture attempts to present some representative European studies on Chinese parts of speech in and before the 19th century, with a focus on the views of James Summers, the third professor of Chinese in Britain, highlighting how Chinese and Western linguistic traditions are integrated in his research.

