

Crossing the Boundaries: A Conversation on Invisible Chinese Science Fiction



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**FEATURED TALK WITH
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Wang Yao first began publishing science fiction as an undergraduate studying Atmospheric Sciences at Peking University. She later obtained her Master's degree in Film Studies and her Doctorate in Comparative Literature, becoming the first Ph.D. in China with a specialization in science fiction. She now teaches at Xi'an University and is currently visiting UC Riverside.

Several of her stories won the Galaxy Award and Nebula Award, China's most prestigious SF honors. In English translation, she has been published in *Clarkesworld* and *Upgraded*. Her first story written in English, "Let's Have a Talk," was published in *Nature* in 2015. "A Hundred Ghosts Parade Tonight" won honorable mention in the Science Fiction and Fantasy Translation Awards in 2013 and was selected for "Year's Best" anthology. In addition to writing and teaching, Wang Yao is also a filmmaker, actor, painter, and singer.

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