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**Title**

Health and Spirituality of Brazilians Practitioners of Chinese Religions in São Paulo

**Abstract**

The aim of this presentation is to investigate how can be understood Brazilians relationship with Chinese religions in São Paulo city. We raise some questions about this issue: Are there Brazilians who are Daoists or members of Tian Dao in there? How do Brazilians get in touch with the teaching of the master Qinghai (清海 Ching Hai)? In what way Falun Gong are introducing to Brazilians in this city? We will respond to that questions through some examples that involving the health and the spirituality of these practitioners. For example, the hybridism of New Age therapies and traditional Daoism of Celestial Masters; Popular Chinese medicine treatments of Taiwanese migrants of the Tian Dao for Brazilians; Vegan restaurants connected of master Qinghai movement attended by Brazilians; or Falun Gong's practices presented for Brazilians as self-healing. We create typologies of practitioners for understood this diversity of agencies in the relationship of Brazilian with Chinese religions in São Paulo.