The transition to agriculture is one of the most important developments in human history. However, in spite of more than 100 years of research on the "agriculture revolution" we do not yet fully understand this process. North China is one of the primary centers of independent agricultural development, and the Fuxin project is an attempt to locate pre-agricultural and early agricultural sites in this region, chart the development of human society and understand the economic adaptation of prehistoric communities. It is a multi-scalar effort drawing on regional, community, and even household level analysis, and the project is also interdisciplinary.

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