Object: Chinese sabre (dao)

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Description

Chinese saber with a single-edged, curved blade that becomes wider towards the pike. The point is bent upwards. Between the handle and the blade is a round guard with a thickened edge. The hilt is from wood, wrapped with a red bandage from fabric, and is stud with a metal edging with a rivet at the back end.

Such sabers were widespread in China, mainly as civil weapons or for martial arts. As dao the Chinese standard sabre is termed. There are specific minor terms, such as the "niúwěidāo" ("oxtail saber") that describes the form at hand. The "niúwěidāo" is a saber of the late Qing dynasty (from the 19th century on).

Basic data

Material/Technique: Metal, wood, textile
Measurements: L 93 cm, W 5 cm

Events

Created When 19.-20. century

Who

Where People's Republic of China

Keywords

- Combat sport
- Dao

- Koloniale Kontexte
- Sabre
- Weapon