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The National Security Law of Hong Kong
Restoration and Transformation
(香港國安法：社會重建與變革)
Edited by Hualing Fu and Michael Hor

The Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong SAR (the “NSL”) promises to be the most important legal development in Hong Kong since the advent of the Basic Law. Many wondered in the aftermath of the NSL how the foundations of Hong Kong’s system might be changed and in what way the freedoms valued by Hong Kong may be affected. Supporters view the law as essential for the preservation of public order and the national security of China and for supporting the fundamental well-being of “One Country, Two Systems”, an arrangement that has been in place since the return of Hong Kong to China. Critics fear an adverse impact on the spirit of “One Country, Two Systems”.

From a discussion initiated by the University of Hong Kong’s Faculty of Law, this collection of essays brings together leading experts on Hong Kong and Chinese law to offer an exploratory study of the NSL and its impact on the legal system and the principle of the rule of law in Hong Kong.

The book examines the ramifications of the law in relation to constitutional matters, protecting national security and sustaining “One Country, Two Systems”, policing, judicial independence, and extraterritoriality, as well as its wider implications in areas such as academic freedom and the business environment. It explores the interaction between Hong Kong and Chinese law occasioned by the NSL. Finally, the book offers a comparative perspective of the experience of other jurisdictions that have engaged with similar security legislation.

Hualing Fu is professor of law and dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong, as well as holder of the Warren Chan Professorship in Human Rights and Responsibilities.

Michael Hor is professor of law and was dean (2014–2019) of the Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong.

“This collection addresses an important and timely issue, and provides an invaluable resource for all lawyers interested in Hong Kong as they grapple with the momentous changes in its legal landscape. The collection will surely serve as a reference point for further discussion and debate.”
—Victor V. Ramraj, University of Victoria, Canada

“This book covers the most important aspects of national security issues, including freedom and security that we have always been concerned about. This timely publication not only offers the latest research results for the academic community, but also provides important reference materials for the Hong Kong society to understand the important topics of national security.”
—Zhu Guobin, City University of Hong Kong
Grounded at Kai Tak
Chinese Aircraft Impounded in Hong Kong, 1949–1952
( 兩航起義：1949–1952 年扣押在香港的中國飛機 )

Malcolm Merry

Set against the backdrop of regional and international post–Second World War tensions, Grounded at Kai Tak is the most comprehensive account of the complex legal struggle for ownership of 71 airplanes belonging to the two main Chinese airlines, which were stranded at Kai Tak airfield in Hong Kong at the end of the Chinese civil war. The resulting contest for possession of them took place in the courts and among politicians and diplomats on three continents. In the process, the struggle became entangled with the anti-communist policies of the United States in the emerging ‘Cold War’, British hopes for restoration of her pre-war commercial position in China, disagreements between nations about recognition of the new government in Peking, and the delicate balance that the colonial government of Hong Kong had to keep to preserve that colony’s interests.

Merry tells the tale of this legal saga by weaving together archival documents and news reports of the day, revealing the international alignments that emerged from the aftermath of the wars and the colourful cast of actors that influenced the outcome of the dispute. This struggle would go on to become one of the leading public international law cases on the recognition of governments at the time.

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The Unruly New Territories
Small Houses, Ancestral Estates, Illegal Structures, and Other Customary Land Practices of Rural Hong Kong
( 鄉事鄉辦：新界丁屋、祖傳業權、非法建築及其他鄉村土地運用概況 )
2020
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“This is the first book-length monograph on the legal and diplomatic battles for the ownership of the seventy-one aircraft grounded in Hong Kong. Set within the wider context of the Chinese civil war and the Cold War and packed with passionate characters, the book reads like a historical novel. A major contribution to Hong Kong history, legal history, and international history.”
— Chi-kwan Mark, senior lecturer in International History, Royal Holloway, University of London

“This is a fascinating story, eloquently told by one of the true experts of Hong Kong’s modern legal history. By analysing the struggle for possession of seventy-one planes from many different angles, the author offers brilliant insights into law, society, and politics in post–World War II East Asia.”
— Lutz-Christian Wolff, dean and Wei Lun Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
More than 1001 Days and Nights of Hong Kong Internment
A Personal Narrative
(1001 個日與夜的香港拘留：晏禮伯的自述)

Chaloner Grenville Alabaster
Edited by David St Maur Sheil, Kwong Chi Man, and Tony Banham

“A prominent figure in pre-war Hong Kong, Alabaster was one of the leaders of the British community in Stanley Internment Camp. His recently discovered journal provides a detailed and candid account of the routines, anxieties, and hardships of camp life. It also offers new insights into the complex politics and divisions among internees. With its substantial editorial introduction, this book is an important addition to the growing literature on internment during Japan’s wartime occupation of Hong Kong.”
—Christopher Munn, The University of Hong Kong

“Of the many memoirs of the Stanley civilian internment camp, this is perhaps the most fascinating and engrossing. Written soon after the war and based on a diary, it is not only a day-by-day description of the travails of life in captivity but also, more interestingly, an account of the inner tensions and divisions that were rampant among the British internees from beginning to end.”
—Edward J. M. Rhoads, University of Texas at Austin

More Than 1001 Days and Nights of Hong Kong Internment is the wartime journal of Sir Chaloner Grenville Alabaster, former attorney-general of Hong Kong and one of the three highest-ranking British officials during the Japanese occupation. He was imprisoned by the Japanese at the Stanley Internment Camp from 1941 to 1945. During his internment, he managed to keep a diary of his life in the camp in small notebooks and hid them until his release in 1945. He then wrote his wartime journal on the basis of these notes. The journal records his day-to-day experiences of the fall of Hong Kong, his time at Stanley, and his eventual release. Some of the most fascinating extracts cover the three months immediately after the fall of Hong Kong and when Alabaster and his colleagues were imprisoned in Prince’s Building in Central and before they were sent to the camp, a period little covered in previous publications. Hence, the book is an important primary source for understanding the daily operation of the Stanley Internment Camp and the camp’s environment. Readers will also learn more about the daily life of those imprisoned in the camp, and Alabaster’s interaction with other prisoners there.

David St Maur Sheil is the great-grandson of Sir Chaloner Grenville Alabaster and has been conducting research into his family’s long history in Hong Kong and China.

Kwong Chi Man is an associate professor in the History Department of Hong Kong Baptist University.

Tony Banham has studied the Battle of Hong Kong for a quarter of a century and has written on the subject, aided in the production of television documentaries, and helped many children of veterans in their researches into their parents’ war years.
Chiang Yee and His Circle
Chinese Artistic and Intellectual Life in Britain, 1930–1950
(蔣彝和他的文友: 旅英華人的文藝創作和社會交往 1930–1950)
Edited by Paul Bevan, Anne Witchard, and Da Zheng

"The collected essays convey a striking portrait of a community of Chinese intellectuals in England during World War II and how it interacted with cultural elites in London and elsewhere both as artists and as anti-fascist activists. As a whole, the volume makes significant points about how people claim status as "authentic" interpreters of a cultural tradition, a process that can pit friends against each other."
—Kristin Stapleton, The University at Buffalo, SUNY

"In this delightful collection of essays, a team of experts in literature, history, and the arts bring to light a world of literary interconnectedness and wartime collaboration seldom explored in scholarship. The perfect resource for anyone who values the humanistic common ground between the East and the West."
—Jenny H. Day, Skidmore College

This book, Chiang Yee and His Circle: Chinese Artistic and Intellectual Life in Britain, 1930–1950, celebrates the life and work of Chiang Yee (1903–1977), a Chinese writer, poet, and painter who made his home in London, England during the 1930s and 1940s. It examines Chiang’s relationship with his circle of friends and colleagues in the English capital, and assesses the work he produced during his sojourn there. This edited volume, with contributions from eleven distinguished scholars, tells a story of a Chinese intellectual community in London that up to now has been largely overlooked. It portrays a dynamic picture of the London-based émigré life during the years that led up to the war and during the conflict that was the catalyst for many of them moving on. In addition, the book broadens our understanding of cultural interactions between China and the West in Hampstead, one of the most vibrant artistic communities in London.

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Da Zheng is Professor Emeritus of English at Suffolk University, Boston.

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RAS China in Shanghai Series
Lao She in London
(老舍在倫敦:1924–1929)
2012
188 pp., 5” x 7”, 14 b&w illus.
Paperback 978-988-8139-60-6
HK$120 | US$18

"The collected essays convey a striking portrait of a community of Chinese intellectuals in England during World War II and how it interacted with cultural elites in London and elsewhere both as artists and as anti-fascist activists. As a whole, the volume makes significant points about how people claim status as "authentic" interpreters of a cultural tradition, a process that can pit friends against each other."
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The First British Trade Expedition to China
Captain Weddell and the Courteen Fleet in Asia and Late Ming Canton
(英國第一次對華貿易遠征：韋德爾船長和柯亭艦隊在亞洲及晚明廣州)
Nicholas D. Jackson

"This book presents vivid and arresting details highlighting the differences between the early modern and modern eras. It features quasi-piratical actions by men with the audacity to venture into unknown lands, who were on the one hand defrauded by 'interpreters' of dubious origin and 'officials' of unverified credentials, but nonetheless emerged from the fray with laden ships and the incremental knowledge that contributed to the subsequent economic dominance of Europe."
—Evelyn S. Rawski, University of Pittsburgh

"In this lively account of Sino-British exchanges, Nicholas D. Jackson provides us with the first book-length narrative of the much-neglected Weddell voyage to China in 1637. Scholars of the British Empire and East-West interactions will find much relevance in this masterfully delivered dialogue between two contending world powers."
—Paul A. Van Dyke, author of The Canton Trade: Life and Enterprise on the China Coast, 1700–1845

In The First British Trade Expedition to China, Nicholas D. Jackson explores the pioneering British trade expedition to China launched in the late Ming period by Charles I and the Courteen Association. While utilizing the vivid and unique perspective of its commander, Captain John Weddell, this study concentrates on the fleet's adventures in south China between Portuguese Macao and the provincial capital, Guangzhou (Canton). Tracing the obscure origins of Sino-British diplomatic and commercial relations back to the late Ming era, Jackson examines the first episodes of Sino-British interaction, exchange, and collision in the seventeenth century. His definitive narrative and original analysis constitute a groundbreaking study of early modern British initiatives and enterprise in the coastal areas of south China. The book begins by sketching the Tudor-Stuart historical background of British trade expansion in Asia before precisely reconstructing the voyages of East India Company and then Courteen ships to Guangdong province. The core of the narrative illuminates the communications, intrigues, and confrontations between Ming officials and the British commanders and merchants. The monograph concludes with an analysis outlining the major lessons learned by all the personalities and parties involved in those unprecedented encounters and clashes. Among other theses, Jackson argues that this expedition demonstrates that as early as the seventeenth century, a significant difference in naval-military strength and sophistication obtained between Great Britain and China.

Nicholas D. Jackson is associate professor in the School of World History, Capital Normal University, Beijing. He is the author of Hobbes, Bramhall and the Politics of Liberty and Necessity (2007) and co-editor of University Teaching: A Guide for Graduate Students and New Faculty (2005).
Sir Robert Ho Tung
Public Figure, Private Man
(何東爵士傳記)

May Holdsworth

Hong Kong History / Biography
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220 pp., 6” x 9”, 48 b&w illus.
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“With painstaking research using an invaluable cache of private letters, family photographs, and other rarely seen archival materials, May Holdsworth has produced a definitive English-language biography of Hong Kong’s Grand Old Man, Sir Robert Ho Tung, as both public figure and private man. A must-read for anyone interested in Hong Kong history.”
—Emma J. Teng, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

“This biography of Sir Robert Ho Tung is well written, well organized, and based on original unpublished documentary sources that have not been previously utilized. Though of a scholarly nature, it is eminently readable and should appeal to a broad readership, including lovers of Hong Kong history.”
—Edward J. M. Rhoads, University of Texas at Austin

May Holdsworth’s thoughtful and deftly written account of the life is the first full-length biography in English. Given unique and unprecedented access to family and personal papers, including letters, diaries, notes, and photographs, she offers a nuanced perspective on a public but also private man. Her book will be a rich resource for historians and general readers interested in the men and women who played a key part in the shaping of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century Hong Kong.

May Holdsworth is a writer based in Hong Kong. Her previous books include Foreign Devils: Expatriates in Hong Kong, and The Palace of Established Happiness: Restoring a Garden in the Forbidden City. She is co-editor, with Christopher Munn, of the Dictionary of Hong Kong Biography (HKUP, 2012), and co-author with him of Crime, Justice and Punishment in Colonial Hong Kong: Central Police Station, Central Magistracy and Victoria Gaol (HKUP, 2020).

Sir Robert Ho Tung (1862–1954) is a compelling figure in Hong Kong history. He is regularly portrayed as the colony’s greatest philanthropist and wealthiest man of his day, the first Chinese to live on the Peak, and, at the end of his life, the ‘Grand Old Man of Hongkong’. The illegitimate son of a Chinese mother and European father, he was highly sensitive about his mixed heritage though he consistently made the most of his fate. He was a man perfectly in tune with his place and time, his success driven as much by his entrepreneurial talents as by his being Eurasian. This book shows him in all his immense variety—clerk with the Imperial Maritime Customs, chief compradore of Jardine Matheson, financial wizard, husband and lover, patriarch of a large family of five sons and eight daughters, loyal British subject but also, paradoxically, Chinese patriot. China’s president Yuan Shikai awarded him the Order of the Excellent Crop, and King George V knighted him.

Also co-authored by May Holdsworth:

Crime, Justice and Punishment in Colonial Hong Kong
Central Police Station, Central Magistracy and Victoria Gaol
(香港殖民地的犯罪、正義與刑罰中區警署、中央裁判司署及域多利監獄)
2020
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The Many Faces of Ruan Dacheng
Poet, Playwright, Politician in Seventeenth-Century China
(形象多面的阮大铖：十七世紀中國的詩人、劇作家、政客)

Alison Hardie

Chinese History / Chinese Literature / Biography
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320 pp., 6" x 9", 3 color and 21 b&w illus.
Hardback 978-988-8754-07-6 HK$750 | US$96

“This work is exciting and reads almost like a novel. It has both a biographical and a literary component. It successively examines Ruan Dacheng's biography in the context of his time, his complex relationships with his contemporaries, and the question of the judgment made on him in his time and by posterity.”
—Rainier Lanselle, École Pratique des Hautes Études, France

“The author makes a persuasive argument that Ruan Dacheng deserves revaluation as a late Ming literatus and makes a contribution to the field of premodern Chinese literature and culture by presenting his life and work within a broader context, especially by examining examples of his poetry and discussing his plays.”
—Richard Strassberg, UCLA

The Many Faces of Ruan Dacheng: Poet, Playwright, Politician in Seventeenth-Century China is the first monograph in English on a controversial Ming dynasty literary figure. It examines and re-assesses the life and work of Ruan Dacheng (1587–1646), a poet, dramatist, and politician in the late Ming period. Ruan Dacheng was in his own time a highly regarded poet, but is best known as a dramatist, and his poetry is now largely unknown. He is most notorious as a ‘treacherous official’ of the Ming–Qing transition, and as a result his literary work—his plays as well as his poetry—has been neglected and undervalued. Hardie argues that Ruan’s literary work is of much greater significance in the history of Chinese literature than has generally been recognised since his own time. Ruan, rather than being a transgressive figure, is actually a very typical late Ming literatus, and as such his attitudes towards identity and authenticity can add to our understanding of these issues in late Ming intellectual history. These insights will impact on the cultural and intellectual history of late imperial China.

Alison Hardie is an honorary research fellow in Chinese studies at the University of Leeds. Her primary research interest is the cultural history of Ming dynasty China, particularly the sixteenth to seventeenth centuries, and the Ming–Qing transition. She has published extensively on the garden history and culture of this period, particularly the use of gardens for self-representation, as well as publishing translations of garden literature. She is the translator of Ji Cheng’s seventeenth-century treatise The Craft of Gardens (Yuanye) and editor of The Dumbarton Oaks Anthology of Chinese Garden Literature (2020).
Frontiers of Memory in the Asia-Pacific
Difficult Heritage and the Transnational Politics of Postcolonial Nationalism
( 亞太的記憶前沿:困難襲產與後殖民國族主義的跨國政治)

Edited by Shu-Mei Huang, Hyun Kyung Lee, and Edward Vickers

“Bringing together an excellent range of cases from diverse locations across the Asia Pacific, this book is an important contribution not only to this part of the world but to understandings of heritage struggles, especially in relation to colonial histories, more widely.”
—Sharon Macdonald, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

“This collection is an important contribution to our understanding of the place of Asia within global memory culture. Going beyond the “tunnel vision” of national memories, it provides us with a sophisticated examination of the ways the “difficult heritage” of colonialism, revolution, and war intersects with contemporary politics to produce an Asia-Pacific memory sphere.”
—Ran Zwigenberg, Pennsylvania State University

Frontiers of Memory in the Asia-Pacific explores the making and consumption of conflict-related heritage throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Contributing to a growing literature on 'difficult heritage', this collection advances our understanding of how places of pain, shame, oppression, and trauma have been appropriated and refashioned as 'heritage' in a number of societies in contemporary East and Southeast Asia and Oceania. The authors analyse how the repackaging of difficult pasts as heritage can serve either to reinforce borders, transcend them, or even achieve both simultaneously, depending on the political agendas that inform the heritage-making process. They also examine the ways in which these processes respond to colonialism, decolonization, and nationalism. The volume shows how efforts to preserve various sites of 'difficult heritage' can involve the construction of new borders in the mind between what is commemorated and what is often deliberately obscured or forgotten.

Taken together, the studies presented here suggest new directions for comparative research into difficult heritage across Asia and beyond, applying an interdisciplinary and critical perspective that spans history, heritage studies, memory studies, urban studies, architecture, and international relations.

Shu-Mei Huang is an associate professor at the Graduate Institute of Building and Planning, National Taiwan University.

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Edward Vickers is professor of comparative education and holds the UNESCO Chair on Education for Peace, Social Justice, and Global Citizenship at Kyushu University, Japan.
Ozu
A Closer Look
(小津安二郎：近観)

Kathe Geist

Film Studies / Japan
July 2022
300 pp., 6” x 9”, 29 b&w and 7 color illus.
Hardback 978-988-8754-17-5  HK$700 | US$90

"Kathe Geist has woven an elegantly textured tapestry in this illuminating survey of Ozu’s films and their endless sense of pattern, rhythm, and cultural renewal. Melding form, narrative, iconography, and context, the book traces old and new patterns of meaning and critical debate."
—Alastair Phillips, University of Warwick; author of the BFI Film Classic on Tokyo Story (2022)

"Ozu: A Closer Look provides one of the most comprehensive and meticulous analyses so far on Ozu Yasujiro. With her great attention to small textual details, along with intertextual and contextual comparisons, Geist achieves a significant reinterpretation of the director’s work, opening up new possibilities in future Ozu studies."
—Woojeong Joo, Nagoya University; author of The Cinema of Ozu Yasujiro: Histories of the Everyday

Based on a close reading of Japanese director Yasujiro Ozu’s extant films, this book provides insights into the ways the director created narrative structures and used symbolism to construct meaning in his films. Against critics’ insistence that Ozu was indifferent to plot and unlikely to use symbols, Geist demonstrates otherwise, revealing the director’s subtle iconographic paradigms. Her incisive understanding of the historical and cultural context in which the films were conceived amplifies her analysis of the films’ structure and meaning.

Ozu: A Closer Look guides the reader through Ozu’s early, silent films and his sound films made during Japan’s wars in Asia and the subsequent American Occupation, then takes up specific themes relevant to his later, better-known films. These themes include religion, gender, and the influence of traditional Japanese painting. Geist also examines the impact that Ozu’s films had on specific directors in Europe, America, and Japan.

Intended for film scholars, students, and fans of the director, this book provides fresh insights into the director’s films and new challenges for those who study him.

Kathe Geist, trained as an art historian, has taught and published widely on Ozu and East Asian cinema over multiple decades. She is also author of The Cinema of Wim Wenders: From Paris, France to Paris, Texas (1988).
In *Chinese Cinema: Identity, Power, and Globalization*, a variety of scholars explore the history, aesthetics, and politics of Chinese cinema as the Chinese film industry grapples with its place as the second largest film industry in the world. Exploring the various ways that Chinese cinema engages with global politics, market forces, and film cultures, this edited volume places Chinese cinema against an array of contexts informing the contours of Chinese cinema today. The book also demonstrates that Chinese cinema in the global context is informed by the intersections and tensions found in Chinese and world politics, national and international co-productions, the local and global in representing Chineseness, and the lived experiences of social and political movements versus screened politics in Chinese film culture. This work is a pioneer investigation of the topic and will inspire future research by other scholars of film studies.

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Leqi Yu received her MA in the history of art from Williams College and her PhD in East Asian languages and civilizations from the University of Pennsylvania. She has held a Smithsonian Institution history of art postdoctoral fellowship at the Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and a postdoctoral fellowship at Renmin University of China.
On Saving Face
A Brief History of Western Appropriation
(論「挽救面子」: 西方挪用簡史)

Michael Keevak

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In On Saving Face, Michael Keevak traces the Western reception of the Chinese concept of “face” during the past two hundred years, arguing that it has always been linked to nineteenth-century colonialism. “Lose face” and “save face” have become so normalized in modern European languages that most users do not even realize that they are of Chinese origin. “Face” is an extremely complex and varied notion in all East Asian cultures. It involves proper behavior and the avoidance of conflict, encompassing every aspect of one’s place in society as well as one’s relationships with other people. One can “give face,” “get face,” “fight for face,” “tear up face,” and a host of other expressions. But when it began to become known to the Western trading community in China beginning in the middle of the nineteenth century, it was distorted and reduced to two phrases only, “lose face” and “save face,” both of which were used to suggest distinctly Western ideas of humiliation, embarrassment, honor, and reputation. The Chinese were judged as a race obsessed with the fear of “losing (their) face,” and they constantly resorted to vain attempts to “save” it in the face of Western correction. “Lose face” may be an authentic Chinese expression but “save face” is different. “Save face” was actually a Western invention.


“To ‘save’ or to ‘lose face’, the ‘giving of face’ or the humiliating absence of such a noble gesture have since the nineteenth century been regarded as archetypical features of the puzzling cultural universe that ‘China’ represented in the eyes of the West. This book is the fruit of many years of meticulous research by Michael Keevak, conclusively argued and—importantly—enjoyably written. A ‘must’ for any reader with an interest in Chinese culture.”
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“Revising assumptions that ‘saving face’ is a term of exclusively Chinese origin, Keevak traces deftly how the expression emerged rather in a shuttle movement between East and West, in European colonialist efforts to pinpoint and essentialize ‘Chineseness.’ This lucidly written book brings us to new understanding of an old term.”
—Emily Sun, Barnard College, Columbia University
Kunqu
A Classical Opera of Twenty-First-Century China
(崑曲：古典戲曲在廿一世紀中國)

Joseph S. C. Lam

In Kunqu: A Classical Opera of Twenty-First-Century China, Joseph S. C. Lam offers a holistic and interdisciplinary view on kunqu, a 600-year-old genre of Chinese opera that is being fashionably performed inside and outside of China. He explains how and why the genre charms and signifies Chinese culture, history, and personhood. As the first comprehensive and scholarly book on kunqu written in English, the book not only discusses the genre in cultural and historical terms but also analyzes its shows as performative, cultural, social, and political communications. It approaches the genre from several perspectives, ranging from those of performers and producers to those of casual audience, dedicated connoisseurs, and scholarly critics. Lam also employs a judicious blend of Chinese and international theories and methods. Through this comprehensive study of kunqu, Lam has established the significance of the genre not only in the sphere of Chinese music, but also among the cultural heritage and performing arts at a global level.

Joseph S. C. Lam is professor of musicology at the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance at the University of Michigan. A musicologist and sinologist, Lam specializes in the music and culture of Southern Song (1127–1279), Ming (1368–1644), and modern China (1900 to present). His most recent publication is “The Southern Story of the Western Wing: Traditional Kunqu Composition, Interpretation, and Performance,” in How to Read Chinese Drama: A Guided Anthology, edited by Patricia Sieber and Regina Llamas (2022).
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“Masculinity, fast-changing and regularly declared to be in the throes of crisis, is attracting more popular and scholarly debate in China than ever before. At the same time, Chinese literature since 1989 has been characterized as brimming with countercultural ‘attitude’. This book probes the link between literary rebellion and manhood in China, showing how male writers, as they critique the outcomes of decades of market reform, also ask the same question: how best to be a man in the new postsocialist order?

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Pamela Hunt is a Leverhulme Early Career Fellow at the Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford. Her work focuses on Chinese literature since 1989, with a special interest in masculinity, transgression, and travel.

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—Heather Inwood, University of Cambridge
In *Daily Giving Service: A History of the Diocesan Girls’ School, Hong Kong*, Moira M. W. Chan-Yeung and her fellow contributors present a comprehensive history of one of Hong Kong’s oldest girls’ schools. As an alumna of the school, Chan-Yeung traces the history of her alma mater from its establishment in 1860, its development over the last 150 years until the recent decade. Having experienced stability and turbulences in Hong Kong in the twentieth century, the school has become one of the most prominent girl’s schools in the city. In several chapters written by other alumni, various aspects of school life of different eras are reconstructed and remembered.

The author and other contributors focused on the postwar era in which Hong Kong grew from a small city to a global metropolitan. The expansion of the Diocesan Girls’ School largely followed this trend. The history of the school has also long been connected with the socio-economic development of Hong Kong society, sharing its happiness and sadness.

Moira M. W. Chan-Yeung is professor emeritus of medicine at the University of British Columbia and honorary clinical professor of medicine at the University of Hong Kong. She is also an alumna of the Diocesan Girls’ School in Hong Kong (Class of 1955).
The Chinese Idea of a University
Phoenix Reborn
(浴火凤凰：華人大學理念)
Rui Yang

In *The Chinese Idea of a University: Phoenix Reborn*, Rui Yang conceptualizes the cultural foundations of modern university development in Chinese societies. Instead of focusing on the uniqueness of the societies, this book aims to prove that one educational purpose could be fulfilled via many paths, and that most of the characteristics the university could be found in other institutions of higher learning. Citing the practices of four selected Chinese societies, Yang opposes the existence of an impassable chasm between Chinese and Western ideas of a university and argues that it is possible to combine Chinese and Western ideas of a university. Also, this book is one of the first in English to theorize the Chinese idea of a university. It links the historical events to the present, in a context of an enormous impact of Western academic models and institutions, from the beginning of modern universities in Chinese societies to the contemporary period.

"This is a rigorous and cohesive collection of articles important to our understanding of the development of the current modern varieties, and also to our understanding of the creation and interpretation of the texts themselves. Anyone interested in empirical work on Chinese dialects would find this of interest."
—Randy J. LaPolla (羅仁地), fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities (FAHA)

"The history of Chinese dialects and Mandarin is a source of interest for many scholars. It is rare, however, to meet a collection that addresses the history and appearance of writing in such a detailed and unconventional way. This unique volume deepens our understanding and offers new insights into established scholarship. A highly recommended publication."
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Studies in Colloquial Chinese and Its History: Dialect and Text presents cutting-edge research into issues regarding prestige colloquial languages in China in their spoken forms and as well as their relationship to written forms and the colloquial literary language. These include the standard regional languages and prestige dialects of the past, the influence of historical forms of spoken Chinese on written Chinese, the history of guānhuà and the history of bāihuà, proto-dialects and supra-regional common languages (koines), and their relationship to spoken dialects. The various studies in this collection focus on the dialect groups with the most substantial written tradition, including Mandarin, Wu, Min, and Cantonese, in north, central and eastern coastal, and southern China respectively. The contributors explore the histories of these dialects in their written and spoken forms, presenting a variegated view of the history and development of the regional forms, including their evolution and influence. This edited volume expands our understanding of the underlying factors in the formation of supra-regional common languages in China, and the written forms to which they gave rise. It broadens our understanding of the evolution of written and spoken forms of Chinese from a comparative perspective, revealing the interrelationships of various areal forms of Chinese and historical koines in China.

Richard VanNess Simmons is a professor in the School of Chinese at the University of Hong Kong, and director of the Chinese Language Center; he is also professor emeritus at Rutgers University. His research focuses on the history, geography, and relationships of Mandarin and the Chinese dialects. He has done extensive fieldwork investigating and mapping China’s Mandarin and Wu dialects. His publications include Shanghainese-English/English-Shanghainese Dictionary & Phrasebook (2011), Chinese Dialect Geography: Distinguishing Mandarin and Wu in Their Boundary Region (2006), Chinese Dialect Classification: Theory and Practice (1999 and 2011), Issues in Chinese Dialect Description and Classification (1999), and The Sōushén hòuji: Latter Notes on Collected Spirit Phenomena Attributed to Tào Yuānmíng (365–427), an Annotated Translation (2022).
Psychopathology
An Empathic Representational Approach;
An Integration of Phenomenology and Cognitive Neuroscience
(精神病理學：同理表徵論；精神現象學與認知神經科學的綜合)
Eric Yu Hai Chen

“Psychopathology: An Empathic Representational Approach retracts the foundations of classical phenomenological psychopathology and integrates them with modern ideas drawn from anthropology, cognitive neuroscience, computational science, and evolutionary biology to synthesize a comprehensive framework and provide fresh insights.

This book explores how the scientific concepts of 'information and representation' can be used to understand subjective mental phenomena and integrate them in empathic clinical dialogues during interactions with patients. It explores key issues in clinical psychopathology coherently and systematically, illustrates advanced topics in an accessible manner using clinical case examples, metaphors and clarifying diagrams, and directly links advanced conceptual frameworks with pragmatic skills in the clinical dialogue process.

This volume is aimed at a broad audience of mental health professionals, researchers, and students in psychiatry, psychology, and social work. Its interdisciplinary treatment of the subject will also interest biologists, anthropologists, cognitive psychologists, neuroscientists, and philosophers.

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(Be There With You: Stories of Suicide Prevention Studies in Hong Kong)

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在過去二十年，香港不幸地有約二萬人死於自殺，受影響的遺屬可能超過十數萬人。我們一直堅守「尊重生命，自殺輕生者一個都嫌多」的使命，透過與遺屬的接觸，以及研讀逝者遺下的說話，努力尋找可預防自殺的方法，盼望與讀者並肩作戰，一同成為身邊人的守護者，跟他們承諾「願陪着你」，陪伴彼此面對生命的挑戰。

這是一本助人自助的務實手冊，運用數據分析和闡述了香港過去二十年的自殺情況，並透過改編故事，展示了與自殺事件有關的啟示，為防止自殺工作奠下基礎。

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「葉兆輝教授具備高度的社會責任感，專注於自殺研究和預防策略，致力於大眾健康教育事業。《願陪着你》一書高度濃縮了防止自殺研究中心的團隊大愛無疆精神和豐富科研成果，既有實證，且有理論的研究讀物，讀來如同良師益友，裨益頗豐。我願意一如既往地與中心攜手同行，在自殺研究方面傾注心血，在自殺預防領域竭盡全力。相信通過社會動員，減少自殺行為，未來能夠達到健康促進的目標。」

——黃悅勤，中國心理衛生協會危機干預專業委員會主任委員／北京大學第六醫院教授

「遺書是自殺者跟這個世界最後的溝通，弔詭的是如果想要溝通，為何走向死亡？從事自殺防治工作20年，葉兆輝教授和張鳳儀女士從遺書的敘事裏探索自殺者的心境與掙扎，這本書協助自殺倖存者／可能接觸到自殺高危險族群的人，甚至自殺防治工作者，從遺書的字語中找到自殺者的生命輪廓，也提示自殺防治之方向。推薦給所有對心理健康有興趣的讀者以及在心理健康場域的工作者，以閱讀此書陪伴曾經孤獨的靈魂。」

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Traversing from the rapidly urbanising county-level city of Fuqing to the remote mountainous kingdom of Lesotho in Southern Africa, Searching for Sweetness is one of the first and most extensive ethnographies linking rural-to-urban migration in China with Chinese migration to Africa. Against the backdrop of China’s national struggle for modernity and globalisation, Sarah Hanisch examines Chinese migrant women’s complex and ever-shifting struggles for upward social mobility across different generations and localities in China and Lesotho. Embedding the women’s individual portraits into larger historical contexts, Hanisch illustrates how these women interpret and narrate their migratory and everyday experiences through and beyond powerful state metanarratives on ‘sweetness’ and ‘bitterness’. In her exploration of migratory identities and projects that have been overlooked by previous studies, Hanisch brings uniquely gendered, multi-sited, and intergenerational perspectives to existing scholarship on Chinese internal and international migration.

Sarah Hanisch holds a PhD in Chinese studies and an MA in global studies. She has conducted field research in China, Lesotho, South Africa, and Tanzania.

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John Greenwood, OBE, SBS, was chief economist of Invesco.
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A product of the encounter between East and West, the manufacture of glass paintings in China was stimulated by European glass paintings brought to the imperial court by traders and diplomats in the seventeenth century. Initially made in Canton for Western consumers, the production of Chinese glass paintings spread throughout China by the eighteenth century. Largely ignored by scholars and collectors in favor of exoticized paintings for the West, Chinese reverse glass paintings depict romantic landscapes, traditional motifs, scenes from plays and novels, and the changing image of the Chinese woman, demonstrating the diverse appeal of this unique and fragile art form.

Composed of over one hundred works acquired in East Asia between 1968 and 2012, the paintings presented in this publication are from the Mei Lin Collection, one of the world’s most important collections of Chinese reverse glass paintings from the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. These portraits also focus on domestic scenes and the shifting standards of beauty, which can be viewed as historic records documenting Chinese civilisation at a time when the dynastic system had ended, and modernity characterised not just politics, but also sociocultural developments. These values give importance to a medium that bridges folk and fine art and highlights the paintings’ significance when viewed as exceptional documents offering rarely preserved insights into an increasingly urban lifestyle.

Rupprecht Mayer is a sinologist, translator, and gallerist who lives and works in southern Germany.
This volume presents the artistic work of Chun Wai created in France in the 1980s-1990s. Like the exhibition Adrift in Time—Photography by Chun Wai at the University Museum and Art Gallery, The University of Hong Kong, the publication has documentary value as a photographic record of the past and the passing of time.

This physical and philosophical journey caused the artist to realize that his insights into the relationship suspended between predestination and chance were leading to an expansive form of loneliness—a state he felt was similar to the torment experienced by the ancient Chinese poets. Chun wandered the streets and alleys of great cultural centres like Paris discovering the collections of its great museums, art galleries and flea markets, along with the vast memories contained within, preserved and passed on through the course of time.

Chun Wai is an independent artist. Born in Hong Kong and educated in France, he worked in journalism before he became a full-time photographer and curator.

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