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**Society and Social Change in Eighteenth-Century China**

1. Introduction

2. Demography and population movements

Read: James Lee and Wang Feng, One Quarter of Humanity  
Peter Perdue, "Insiders and Outsiders"

Report: Kenneth Pomeranz, The Great Divergence  
Robert Entenmann, Migration and Settlement in Sichuan, 1644-1796  
John Shepherd, Statecraft and Political Economy on the Taiwan Frontier  
C. Patterson Giersch, Asian Borderlands

3. Ethnic identity

Read: Pamela Crossley, "The Tong in Two Worlds"  
Mark Elliott, The Manchu Way (skim)  
Donald Sutton, "Ethnicity and the Miao Frontier"  
Anne Csete, "The Li Mother Spirit"

Report: Pamela Crossley, A Translucent Mirror  
Peter C. Perdue, China Marches West  
Emma Teng, Taiwan's Imagined Geography

4. Stratification, debasement, and marginality

Read: Jing Junjian, "Hierarchy in the Qing Dynasty"  
Philip Huang, The Peasant Economy and Social Change in North China, chap. 5  
Helen Siu and Liu Zhiwei, "Lineage, Market, Pirate, and *Dan*"  
Matthew Sommer, "The Penetrated Male"

Report: Evelyn Rawski, The Last Emperors  
Iona Man-Cheong, The Class of 1761  
Sow-Theng Leong, Migration and Ethnicity in Chinese History  
Wei Qingyuan, Qingdai nupi zhidu

## 5. Gender

Read: Susan Mann, Precious Records

Report: Matthew Sommer, Sex, Law, and Society in Late Imperial China  
Matthew Sommer, Polyandry and Wife-Selling in Late Imperial China  
Janet Theiss, Disgraceful Matters  
Xiong Bingzhen, Youyou: Quantong Zhongguo de qiangbao zhi dao

## 6. Oral culture and print culture

Read: Cynthia Brokaw, "Commercial Publishing"  
Kai-wing Chow, "Writing for Success"  
Katherine Carlitz, "The Social Uses of Female Virtue"  
Susan Naquin, "Funerals in North China," in J. Watson and E. Rawski, eds,  
Death Ritual in Late Imperial and Modern China  
Fei Li, "The Traditional Style of Storyhouse in Yangzhou"

Report: David Johnson, et.al., eds, Popular Culture in Late Imperial China, esp. arts. by  
Johnson, Mair, Tanaka, Hayes, Naquin  
Kai-wing Chow, Publishing, Culture, and Power

## 7. Agrarian relations

Read: Thomas Buoye, "From Patrimony to Commodity"  
Madeleine Zelin, "The Rights of Tenants in Mid-Qing Sichuan"  
Evelyn Rawski, "Agricultural Development in the Han River Highlands"  
Mi Chū Wiens, "Cotton Cultivation and Rural Social Transformation"

Report: Philip Huang, The Peasant Economy and Social Change in North China  
Thomas Buoye, Manslaughter, Markets, and Moral Economy  
Fu Yiling, Ming Qing fengjian tudi suoyouzhi lungang

## 8. Kinship

Read: Kai-wing Chow, The Rise of Confucian Ritualism in Late Imperial China (skim)  
Timothy Brook, "Funerary Ritual and the Building of Lineages"  
David Faure, "The Lineage as Business Company"  
Harry Lamley, "Lineage Feuding in Southern Fujian and Eastern Guangdong,"  
in Lipman and Harrell, eds., Violence in China

Report: Michael Szonyi, Practicing Kinship  
David Faure, Emperor and Ancestor  
Madeleine Zelin, The Merchants of Zigong

## 9. Conflict structures

Read: Philip Huang, "Magistrate Adjudication," in Kathryn Bernhardt and Philip Huang, eds, Civil Law in Qing and Republican China  
Peter Perdue, "Official Goals and Local Interests"  
R. Bin Wong, "Food Riots in the Qing Dynasty"  
Cai Shaoqing, "The Origins of the Gelaohui"  
W.J.F. Jenner, "Tough Guys, Mateship, and Honour: Another Chinese Tradition"

Report: Susan Naquin, Shantung Rebellion  
Barend J. ter Haar, Ritual and Mythology of the Chinese Triads

## 10. Professional and occupational diversification

Read: Mark Elvin, "Market Towns and Waterways," in G. William Skinner, ed.,  
The City in Late Imperial China  
Melissa Macauley, "Civil and Uncivil Disputes," in Bernhardt and Huang,  
Civil Law  
Bradly Reed, "Money and Justice"  
David Kelley, "Temples and Tribute Fleets"

Report: Yulian Wu, Luxurious Networks  
Richard Lufrano, Honorable Merchants  
Charlotte Furth, A Flourishing Yin

## 11. Urban society

Read: Liu Shih-chi, "Some Reflections on Urbanization"  
Paolo Santangelo, "Suzhou," In Linda Johnson, ed., Cities of Jiangnan  
Antonia Finnane, "The Fashionable City?"  
Mary Rankin, "Managed by the People"  
Angela Leung, "To Chasten Society"

Report: Tobie Meyer-Fong, Building Culture in Yangzhou  
Andrea Goldman, Opera and the City  
Liang Qizi, Zishan yu jiaohua

## 12. Religious organization

Read: David Johnson, "Temple Festivals in Southeastern Shanxi"  
Wang Mingming, "Place, Administration, and Local Cults"  
Thomas Li and Susan Naquin, "The Baoming Temple"  
Susan Naquin, "Pilgrimage to Miaofang shan," in Naquin and Yu, eds.,  
Pilgrims and Sacred Sites in China  
Blaine Gaustad, "Prophets and Pretenders"

Report: Susan Naquin, Peking: Temples and City Life  
Philip Kuhn, Soulstealers

## 13. Shaping social change? The role of the state

Read: William T. Rowe, Saving the World

Report: Pierre-Etienne Will, Bureaucracy and Famine in Eighteenth-Century China  
Helen Dunstan, State or Merchant?  
Gao Wangling, Shiba shiji Zhongguo de jingji fazhan he zhengfu zhengce  
Wensheng Wang, White Lotus Rebels and South China Pirates

## 14. The end of the "prosperous age"

Read: Susan Mann Jones and Philip A. Kuhn, "Dynastic Decline and the Roots of  
Rebellion"  
William T. Rowe, "Introduction: The Qianlong – Jiaqing Transition"

Report: Lin Man-houng, China Upside Down  
Seunghyun Han, After the Prosperous Age  
Matthew Mosca, From Frontier Policy to Foreign Policy  
Wensheng Wang, White Lotus Rebels and South China Pirates