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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. 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 Chü 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 suoyouzhizhi lungang

7. Kinship

Read: William T. Rowe, "Success Stories," in Esherick and Rankin, eds. Chinese Local Elites and Patterns of Dominance
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: Kai-wing Chow, The Rise of Confucian Ritualism in Late Imperial China
Michael Szonyi, Practicing Kinship
David Faure, Emperor and Ancestor
Madeleine Zelin, The Merchants of Zigong

8. 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

9. 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
Peng Zeyi, «Shougongye de fazhan »

10. 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
Guo Qitao, Ritual Opera and Mercantile Lineage
Andrea Goldman, Opera and the City
Liang Qizi, Zishan yu jiaohua

11, 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

12. 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

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
Lin Man-houng, China Upside Down

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: Seunghyun Han, After the Prosperous Age
Matthew Mosca, From Frontier Policy to Foreign Policy
Wensheng Wang, White Lotus Rebels and South China Pirates