
Preface

This book brings together in modified form writings that originally appeared elsewhere. The versions first published have been changed to varying degrees to eliminate anachronisms, repetition, and a few errors. In modifying these essays, however, my main intent has been to bring them up to date, in some cases with respect to China's rapidly changing social and cultural scene, but also in light of more recent research. In regard to the material they use and the analyses they present, I have avoided making major changes in the text of any of these essays, confining myself as much as possible to incorporating new data into endnotes and references. I have made additions of substance to chapters 5 and 7, but these are presented as addenda to the main body of the text. I am grateful to the original publishers of the chapters in this book for their permission to let me use them here.

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