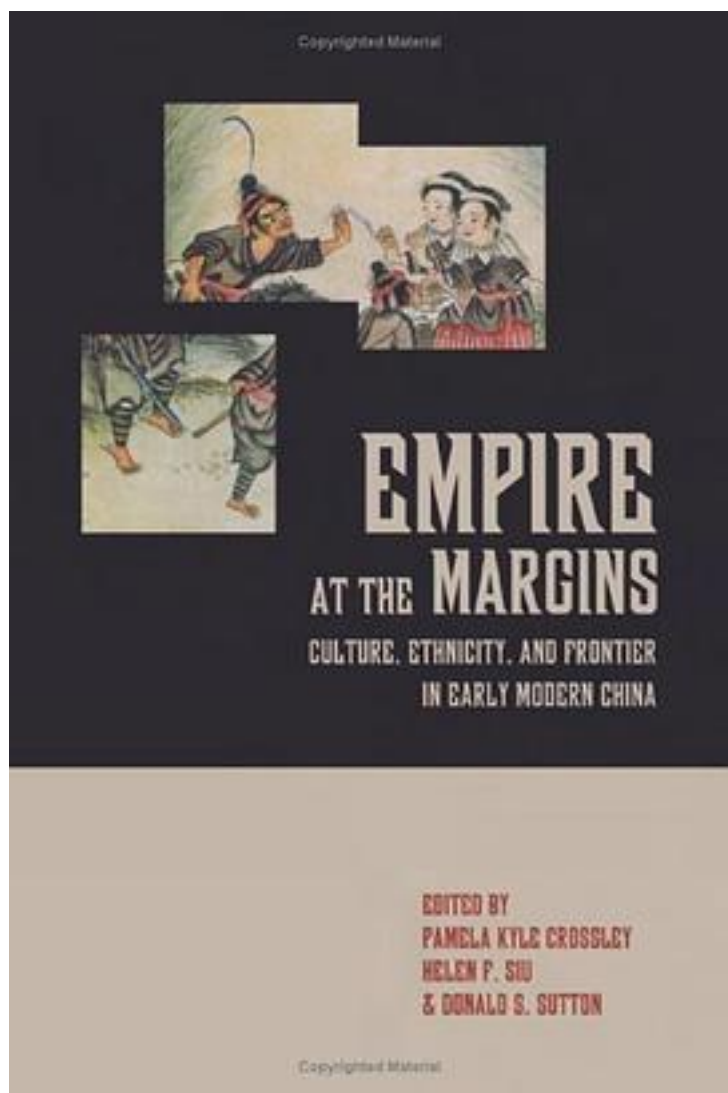


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Focusing on the Ming (1368-1644) and (especially) the Qing (1364-1912) eras, this book analyzes crucial moments in the formation of cultural, regional, and religious identities. The contributors examine the role of the state in a variety of environments on China's "peripheries," paying attention to shifts in law, trade, social stratification, and cultural dialogue. They find that local communities were critical participants in the shaping of their own identities and consciousness as well as the character and behavior of the state. At certain times the state was institutionally definitive, but it could also be symbolic and contingent. They demonstrate how the imperial discourse is many-faceted, rather than a monolithic agent of cultural assimilation.

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评论

新清史搭起演武台，若看过专著则大部分篇章可略读。结尾一章亦有全书要害句：当代中国在族群关系上试图有如帝国般包罗万有、又有如民族国家般无缝融合。科大卫刘志伟肖凤霞等华南学派其实路子不同，尤其宗族血缘概念和发掘地方资料的方式与皇廷中央划分族群文化生活方式概念与手段距离尚远，硬拗一起略奇葩。似乎暗指帝国之权力中心在皇廷，然帝国之天下认知、自我认同，构成帝国必要成分之对疆界无限拓展的探索，则端赖核心族群自我定位，边陲地区如何根据地方知识、文化生活方式、体型特征、史上与中央之战和关系和是否接受皇帝之天下共主地位而划分族群，将其纳入帝国图景中，反馈又加强帝国之地理和治术多元性。清代于明/汉为他者异族，但在占据中原之后又开拓四方边疆而重构了汉/中国之概念。然帝国只在开拓边疆划分族群之际凸显其帝国性么？

读了米华健那章

intro conclusion

新清史快速纵览

有几章很有趣，比如lipman关于Sino-Muslim的。后面西南地区的几章略水。主要都是focus在清朝早期，所以论点难免有点片面。

一切国家建构史都可以成为征服史，自古以来是一家的花可能都是野花！

沒想到連這種書的書評都會被豆娘審查.....

现在回头来看

这本书最大的意义（和尴尬）可能就在于它公开反映了Elliott和Crossley在ethnicity这个概念上的分歧 Elliott的第一篇和Crossley的第二篇采用了完全不同的概念
前者认为manchu ethnicity在清代前期就存在
经过18世纪清廷对banner的重整而彻底固定
后者认为ethnicity（在序言里也强调了）本身就带有边缘性这些内涵
因此满汉蒙这些在19世纪末之前统统不能算是ethnic 往大了说
Crossley强调清朝是universalism 而Elliott更强调所谓满洲和内亚
其实Crossley本应该和中国学者的观点更相似
但是目前来看她好像为新清史背的锅更多。。。

本书核心问题似是由primordialism/constructivism之争引出，然后将这个问题延伸到清史领域，用欧立德的话说，如果民族认同是一种文化构建，那么这个构建并不一定只能建立在现代工业的基础上，这个政治过程在帝国体系里是怎么进行的？本书多强调国家自上而下的民族划分/构建。八旗作为身份认同的制度载体，使得满汉即使在本身性质已经和清初完全不同之后仍然保留着特殊的认同；蒙古的身份构建则强调清/东蒙与西蒙之间的冲突过程，以及黄金家族作为构建核心的象征地位；清廷对汉回的模糊态度关系到其身份的语义混乱；新疆则不同，是“有中国特色的帝国主义”，indirect rule在此体现最为明显，因此在20世纪前突厥并没有统一的民族认同。当然前工业时代民族认同是精英阶层的，但作为现代民族的基础未尝不可？

Five stars for providing me with relatively objective views on groups known as Zhuang, Miao and Yao today !

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书评

Regarding the issue of frontier and ethnicity, the volume edited by Crossley et al. makes significant contributions. Probably out of the hand of Crossley, the introduction to this volume maintains the ambiguity of that in *The Translucent Mirror*. Apart from ...

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