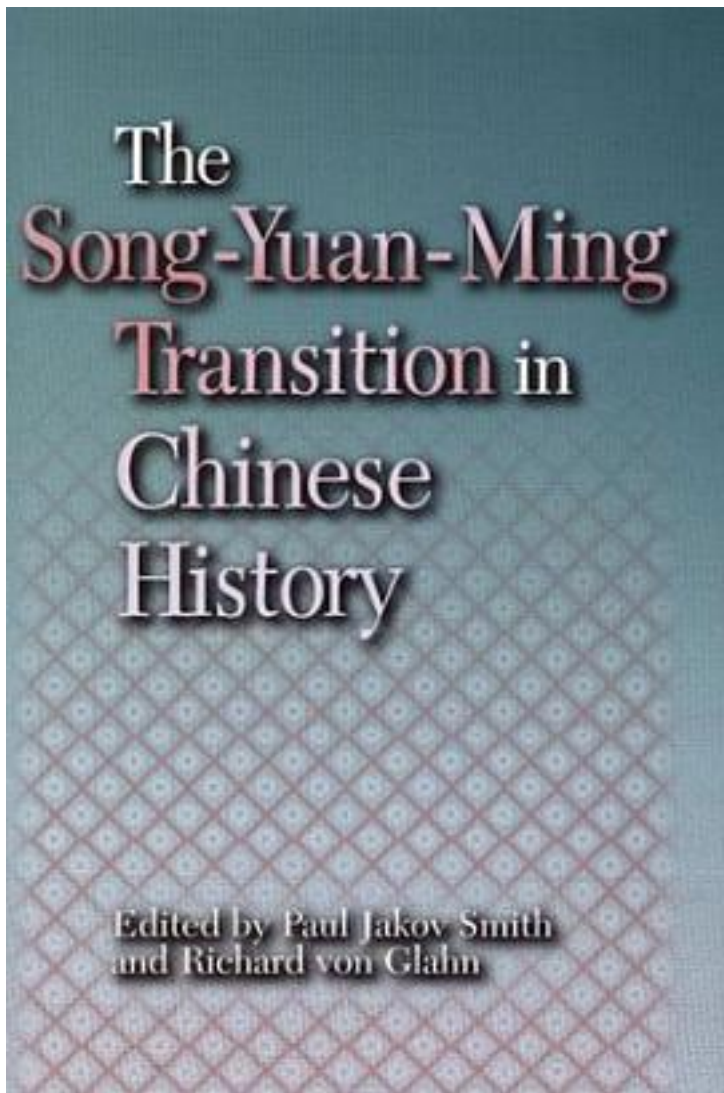


The Song-Yuan-Ming Transition in Chinese History



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This volume seeks to study the connections between two well-studied epochs in Chinese history: the mid-imperial era of the Tang and Song era (ca.800-1270) and the late imperial era of the late Ming and Qing (1550-1900). Both eras are seen as periods of explosive change, particularly in economic activity, characterized by the emergence of new forms of social organization and a dramatic expansion in knowledge and culture. The task of establishing links between these two periods has been impeded by a lack of knowledge of the intervening Mongol Yuan dynasty (1271-1368). This historiographical "black hole" has artificially interrupted the narrative of Chinese history and bifurcated it into two distinct epochs. This volume aims to restore continuity to that historical narrative by filling the gap between mid-imperial and late imperial China. The contributors argue that the Song-Yuan-Ming transition (early 12th through the late 15th century) constitutes a distinct historical period of transition and not one of interruption and devolution. They trace this transition by investigating such subjects as contemporary impressions of the period, the role of the Mongols in intellectual life, the economy of Jiangnan, urban growth, neo-Confucian and local society, commercial publishing, comic drama and medical learning.

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个人看重万志英的第一篇，基本将北美中国史观点变化、“中国近现代历史动力何时开始”的命题，和世界史视角打通。严格地说要推销的不是宋和明而是元。在主张者看来宋元明转型与日本传统唐宋变革论之异同，双方均主张“早期现代性”——人口增长、经济发展、农业技术进步、商业和城市繁荣（尤其是江南地区），官僚专业化，以科举和儒学定义社会地位和自我认知的地方精英崛起、皇权上升同时又要面对官僚体制抵御、集权化与地方分权的矛盾等，可在宋朝找到源头。但日式唐宋变革论被认为强调宋（皇权与官僚、市民社会）与唐（贵族政治、门阀社会）的断裂，且这一进入近世可能性（尤其文化上）为元所隔断。此书论者则认为元既承接儒家学说正统、延续科举精英血脉，又将皇权推至顶端，更拓展中国版图及维持多民族社会而延续至明，而是中国史与世界史之链接点。

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原来只要利用中央政府的力量去推动意识形态建设就是强国家的表现，由此认为王安石变法的北宋政府与朱元璋的明初政府都是强国家。这种对强、弱国家界定的方式真是让

人无力吐槽。

其實只讀了梁其姿那一篇，不由得嘆口氣

von Glahn chap

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