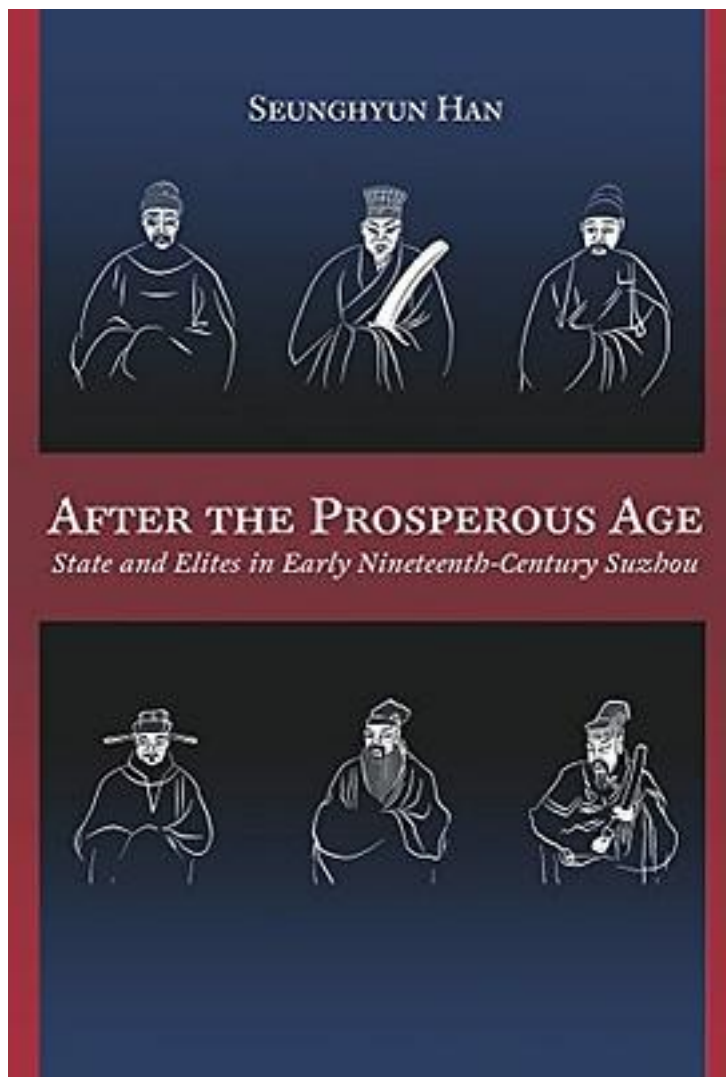


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Scholars have described the eighteenth century in China as a time of state activism when the state sought to strengthen its control on various social and cultural sectors. The Taiping Rebellion and the postbellum restoration efforts of the mid-nineteenth century have frequently been associated with the origins of elite activism. However, drawing upon a wide array of sources, including previously untapped Qing government documents, *After the Prosperous Age* argues that the ascendance of elite activism can be traced to the Jiaqing and Daoguang reigns in the early nineteenth century, and that the Taiping Rebellion served as a second catalyst for the expansion of elite public roles rather than initiating such an expansion.

The first four decades of the nineteenth century in China remain almost uncharted territory. By analyzing the social and cultural interplay between state power and local elites of Suzhou, a city renowned for its economic prosperity and strong sense of local pride, from the eighteenth to the early nineteenth century, Seunghyun Han illuminates the significance of this period in terms of the reformulation of state-elite relations marked by the unfolding of elite public activism and the dissolution of a centralized cultural order.

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十年前出版可能会更好点

主题是state-elite relation，开枝散叶地讲了很多，从political engagement, public works, 到cultural practice; 缺点是不coherent.
结论可能是对的，但叙述和证据链上不严密，很跳脱.

很想吐槽一下封皮。。

其实没有太大意思，追溯十九世纪地方精英对地方事务的参与和主持，一直到十九世纪初。跟王文生一样，也是这一波嘉道热的鼓吹者。

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