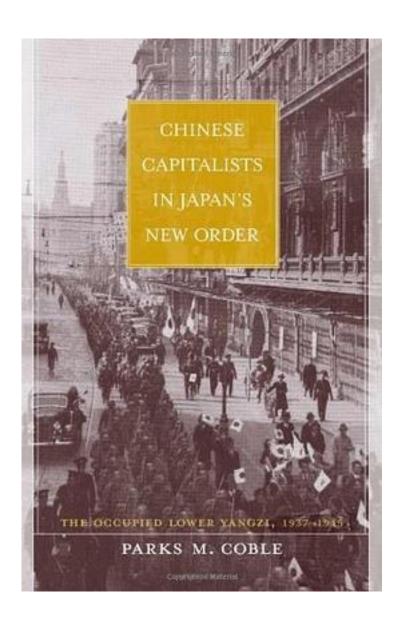
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n this probing and original study, Parks M. Coble examines the devastating impact of Japan's invasion and occupation of the lower Yangzi on China's emerging modern business community. Arguing that the war gravely weakened Chinese capitalists, Coble demonstrates that in occupied areas the activities of businessmen were closer to collaboration than to heroic resistance. He shows how the war left an important imprint on the structure and culture of Chinese business enterprise by encouraging those traits that had allowed it to survive in uncertain and dangerous times.

Although historical memory emphasizes the entrepreneurs who followed the Nationalists armies to the interior, most Chinese businessmen remained in the lower Yangzi area. If they wished to retain any ownership of their enterprises, they were forced to collaborate with the Japanese and the Wang Jingwei regime in Nanjing. Characteristics of business in the decades prior to the war, including a preference for family firms and reluctance to become public corporations, distrust of government, opaqueness of business practices, and reliance of personal connections (guanxi) were critical to the survival of enterprises during the war and were reinforced by the war experience. Through consideration of the broader implications of the many responses to this complex era, Chinese Capitalists in Japan's New Order makes a substantial contribution to larger discussions of the dynamics of World War II and of Chinese business culture.

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collaboration&resistance dichotomy的困境。史料虽然不新,但是给出了一个重新解释战争状态下商人个体与群 体行为的角度。"爱国实业家"是现代大陆学界的一个评价,无形中回避了商人自身的 主体性,典型的以国家角度形塑个体,商人自身的行动逻辑还是自身的财产。
第六章研究战时的荣家颇精彩,资本家与爱国者从来不能划等号。 "The experience of the Rong family during the war does not really fit the patriotic nationalist narrativeSimilarly, the war experience reveals both the strength and weaknesses of the Chinese family firm. Without the flexibility of the family structure, the Rongs might have been less able to survive the war." (pp.139)

书评

小科布爾曾以研究1927-1937江浙財閥與國民政府的關係而知名,該書在大學上課時亦是必讀書目。而戰時資本家與各政治勢力的關係若何,學界研究還不多,而小科布爾對於民國資產階級的持續研究,必能給我們帶來更多的知識與分析。自己研究工人,作為與工人有著互生關係的資本家,自...

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