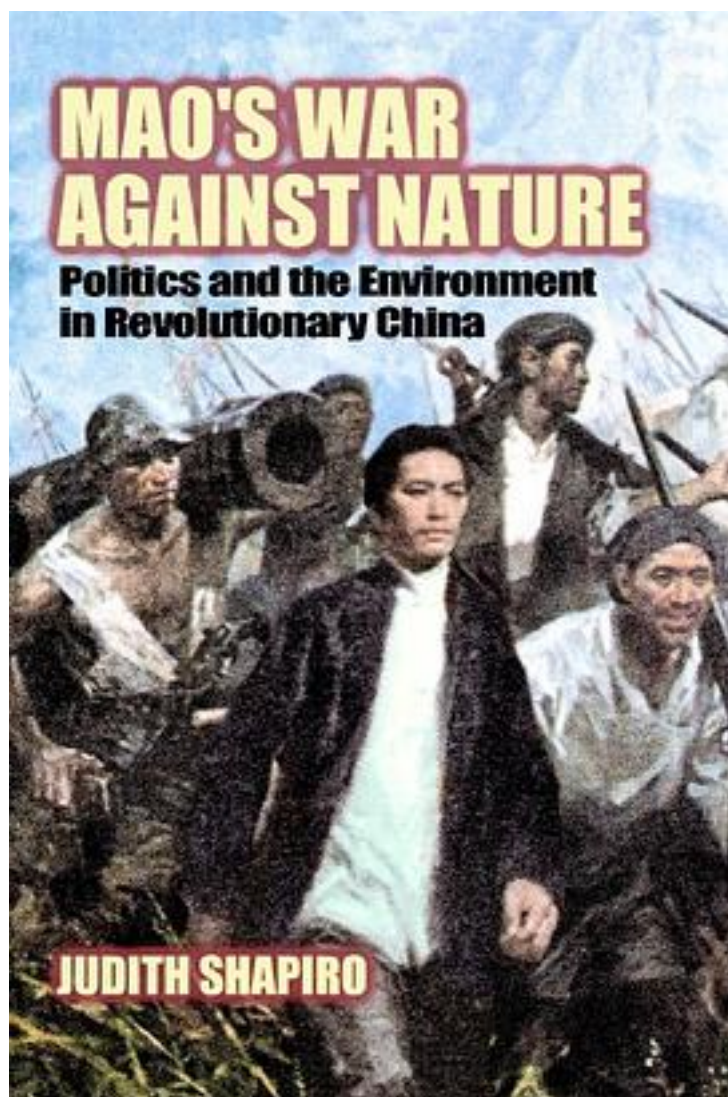


Mao's War Against Nature



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In clear and compelling prose, Judith Shapiro relates the great, untold story of the devastating impact of Chinese politics on China's environment during the Mao years. Maoist China provides an example of extreme human interference in the natural world in an era in which human relationships were also unusually distorted. Under Mao, the traditional Chinese ideal of "harmony between heaven and humans" was abrogated in favor of Mao's insistence that "Man Must Conquer Nature." Mao and the Chinese Communist Party's "war" to bend the physical world to human will often had disastrous consequences both for human beings and the natural environment. Mao's War Against Nature argues that the abuse of people and the abuse of nature are often linked. Shapiro's account, told in part through the voices of average Chinese citizens and officials who lived through and participated in some of the destructive campaigns, is both eye-opening and heartbreaking. Judith Shapiro teaches environmental politics at American University in Washington, DC. She is co-author, with Liang Heng, of several well known books on China, including Son of the Revolution (Random House, 1984) and After the Nightmare (Knopf, 1986). She was one of the first Americans to work in China after the normalization of U.S.-China relations in 1979.

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评论

four core themes: political repression, utopian urgency, dogmatic uniformity and state-ordered relocations; also we should pay attentions to the model of USSR, or what i call as the soviet modernity

如果读者是外国人，
应该很好，但是对于我们，很多内容都是已经知道的，所以真正有价值的只有一些分析比较。

To be frank，事实还是挺有用的，但不喜欢这一类书的口吻。

论点很好：人的迫害和自然的破坏是一体的。但材料没有好好使用，论述太简单。也许对于十多年前的研究已经很不容易了吧。

已笔记。

倾向性不是问题，但是似乎不符环境史之名。

打打嘴仗显得很厉害的样子

没有读完。感觉倾向性很严重。

A little bit rambling but generally a book with in situ evidence and objective thinking.

an exemplar of how NOT to write history.
处理历史材料能力之差，理解之肤浅，让人汗颜。

每次读这一类型的书都有一种很复杂的gut feeling.
一方面很感激有人写了这个话题，另一方面，确实又觉得作者的倾向性很明显。最后还是决定打四颗星。作为最早来到中国的外国学者之一，并且她的前夫也是华人，这本书的内容又来自于那么复杂的一个时代背景。我还是觉得应该给予她credits.

intro

补记，16年读毕

快速翻完就好。

倾向性很强，谈环境又不能完全以科学批判，再加以政治分析。谈环境的政治又容易去到精英史观，个体品行，及“这个人如果没被打倒，那之后什么什么面貌可能不一样”的论述。

论证过程比较有意思，特别是四个维度的划分。史料是国人比较熟悉的，不过考虑到2001年可用材料更有限且是pre-digital era，作者应该还是做了很多工作的。

人定胜天 人多力量大…

从另一个角度看那段被国内忽略的历史.

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书评

In Mao's War against Nature, Shapiro expressed her idea clear in the topic: Maoist "development", if had made any progress, was established on war-like abuse of nature. Such violence was parallel to the violence people did to their fellowmen. According t...

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