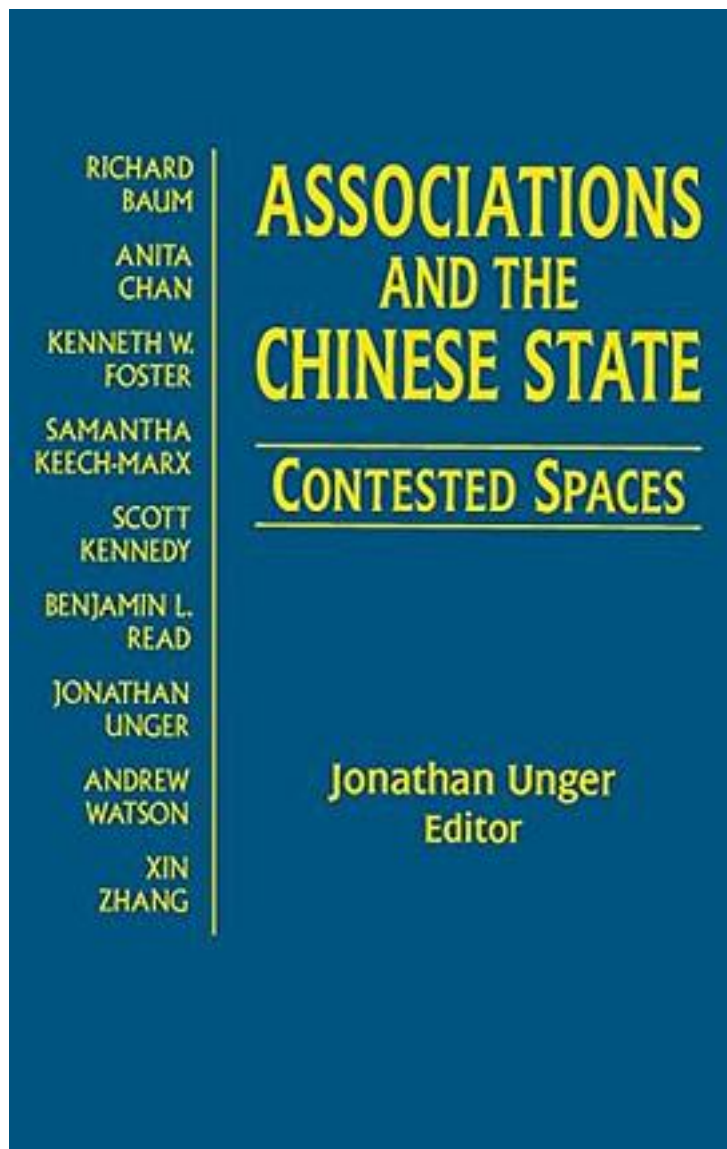


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What role do Chinese popular associations play in the expansion of civil society and democratization? Under Mao few associations were permitted to exist, while today over 200,000 associations are officially recognized. Are they important foundations of civil society, or vehicles for state corporatism and control?

In this book leading China specialists examine an interesting range of associations, from business associations to trade unions, to urban home owners associations, women's groups against domestic violence, and rural NGOs that develop anti-poverty programs. The contributors find different important trends underway in different parts of China's economy and society. Their findings are nuanced, insightful--and often not what might be expected.

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评论

这本书基本上还是九十年代开始的关于公民社会还是法团主义的争论，既缺乏理论上的洞见，又没有抽丝剥茧的描述，是平庸之作。无论是公民社会还是法团主义，都只是学术概念而已。研究者固然可以去“测量”这些中间组织的独立性和行动力，但重要的不是怎样把它们塞到预设的框子里，而是告诉人们促进这些变化发生的条件和影响机制。

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