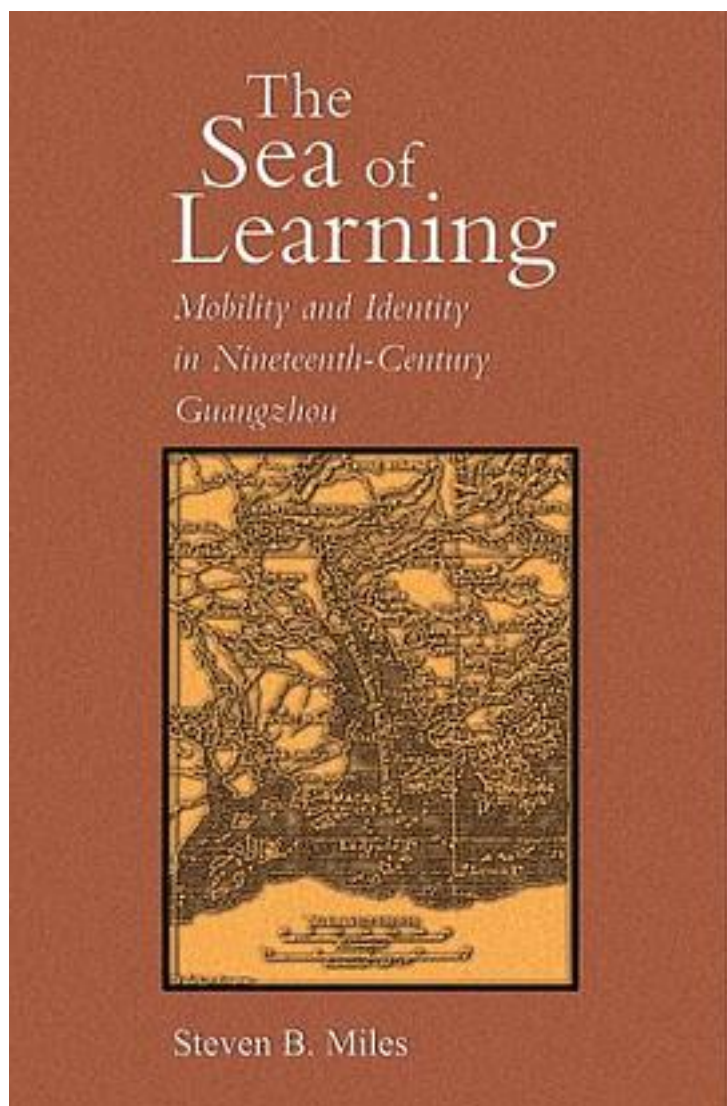


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In 1817 a Cantonese scholar was mocked in Beijing as surprisingly learned for someone from the boondocks; in 1855 another Cantonese scholar boasted of the flourishing of literati culture in his home region. Not without reason, the second man pointed to the Xuehaitang (Sea of Learning Hall) as the main factor in the upsurge of learning in the Guangzhou area. Founded in the 1820s by the eminent scholar-official Ruan Yuan, the Xuehaitang was indeed one of the premier academies of the nineteenth century.

The celebratory discourse that portrayed the Xuehaitang as having radically altered literati culture in Guangzhou also legitimated the academy's place in Guangzhou and Guangzhou's place as a cultural center in the Qing empire. This study asks: Who constructed this discourse and why? And why did some Cantonese elites find this discourse compelling while others did not? To answer these questions, Steven Miles looks beyond intellectual history to local social and cultural history. Arguing that the academy did not exist in a scholarly vacuum, Miles contends that its location in the city of Guangzhou and the Pearl River Delta embedded it in social settings and networks that determined who utilized its resources and who celebrated its successes and values.

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评论

太偏重社会史，以至思想本身已经无关紧要了。

五颗星是给在追求新颖，dramatic的北美学术圈，能出一本研究考证学/汉宋调和论对地方社会的文化传播的影响，很不容易！缺点是忽视了思想的社会史，有些干枯.

read for Lean's seminar

真的不了解晚清思想史啊。。可是看起来蛮好玩的。尤其是外来文化精英如何在本地重构文化sphere（场域）的过程。可是我完全没有这方面积累，所以读得很艰涩。。可是要申请WUSTL啊。。真是苦逼

補記。Identity politics in intellectual history.

#intellectual history# #social history

#以學海堂切入清廣東學術發展史真的是好題目啊，除了展現出的思想學家的歷史，更提出了19世紀地域之間的頻繁流動導致本地/外來身份可能更重要過社會階層士人/商人的身份認同，以及不同身份的人如何建構自己的local identity.

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书评

关于士绅、社会流动、族群认同的构建的主题的一本书，应该算是当下主流的华南地区的历史人类学研究的理论和方法了，来源于他的论文：Creating Zhu'Jiujiang':Localism in Nineteenth-Century Guangdong,J-Store上提供下载……

《学海：十九世纪广州的社会流动性与身份认同》一书，是美国中国研究学者麦哲维历经十数载完成的力作。作者在前言中说，他希望自己无负乃师所望，写出一部思想家的历史 (a history of intellectuals) ,而非仅仅是一部思想史 (an intellectual history)。读毕此书，笔者...

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