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Translating Chinese Art and Modern Literature Yijing Sun 2019-02-25 Translating Chinese Art and Modern Literature explores issues in cross-cultural dialogue in connection to the examination and modern Chinese art and literature from interdisciplinary perspectives. This comprises the text-image dialogue in the context of Chinese modernity, and cross-cultural interaction between modern literature in Chinese and other literatures. This edited collection approaches these issues with discrete foci and approaches, and the ten chapters in this volume are to be divided into two distinct parts. The first part highlights the mutual effects between literary texts and visual images in the media of book, painting, and film, and the second part includes contributions by scholars of literary translation.

Aesthetics and Marxism Kang Liu 2009-03-10 DVLiu's study examines writers, philosophers, and political leaders in China and the West and reveals the extent to which they incorporate ideas about "culture" and "aesthetics" in their theories and practices.

Globalization and Cultural Trends in China Kang Liu 2009-12-31 In this timely work, one of China's outstanding globalization in China is both a historical condition in which the country's guilt kafang (reform and opening up) has unfolded and a set of values or ideologies by which it and the rest of the globe are judged. Moreover, globalization signals a significant ascendancy of culture. Liu reveals China's call for cultural self-reconstruction and a modern discourse, forcing us to reengage with the dominant role of revolution and the current political strategies. Liu calls attention to the form's vigor and variety at an unlikely juncture in cataclysm and mass movements intensified Chinese lyricism in extraordinary ways.

Creativity Class Lily Chumley 2020-04-07 How China's art students develop their aesthetic styles and enter the nation's creative economy The last three decades have seen a massive expansion of China's visual culture industries, from architecture and graphic design to fine art and fashion. New ideologies of creativity and creative practices have reshaped the training of a new generation of art school graduates. Creativity Class is the first book to explore how Chinese art students develop, embody, and promote their own personalities and styles as they move from art school entrance test preparation, to art school, to work in the country's burgeoning culture industries. Lily Chumley shows the connections between this creative explosion and the Chinese government's explicit goal of cultivating creative human capital in a new "market socialist" economy where value is produced through innovation. Drawing on years of fieldwork in China's leading art academies and art test prep schools, Chumley combines ethnography and oral history with analyses of contemporary avant-garde and official art, popular media, and propaganda. Examining the rise of a Chinese artistic vanguard and creative knowledge-based economy, Creativity Class charts an unexpected facet of today's China.

The Lyric in Epic Time David Drewe Wang 2015-01-20 In this book, David Drewe Wang uses the lyric to rethink the dynamics of Chinese modernity. Although the form may seem unusual for representing China's social and political crises in the mid-twentieth century, Wang contends that national Catastrophes in 1930s and 1940s have been described in terms of the lyric. Wang calls attention to the form's vigor and variety at an unlikely juncture in Chinese history and the precarious consequences it brought about: betrayal, self-abjuration, suicide, and silence. Despite their divergent backgrounds and commitments, the writers, artists, and intellectuals discussed in this book all took lyricism as a way to explore selfhood in relation to solidarity, the role of the artist in history, and the potential for poetry to illuminate crisis. They experimented with poetry, fiction, film, intellectual treatise, political manifesto, painting, calligraphy, and music. Western critics, Wang shows, also used lyricism to critique Chinese art, epic theatre, Theodore Adorno, Célestin Brooks, and Paul de Man, among others, to complete his portrait. The Chinese case only further intensifies the pervasive nature of lyrical discourse, forcing us to reengage with the dominant role of revolution and enlightenment in shaping Chinese—and global—modernity. Wang's remarkable survey reestablishes Chinese lyricism's deep roots in its own native traditions, along with Western influences, and realizes the relevance of such a lyrical calling of the past century to our time.

Configurations of the Real in Chinese Literary and Aesthetic Modernity Peter Bondanella 2007-02-01 This collection of essays is divided into three parts. The first part, "totemic significance in 20th century China," this book examines the emergence of the Chinese socialist realist novel in relation to the literary and philosophical currents globalized in the wake of capitalist modernity."—provided by publisher.

The Art of Useless Calvin Hui 2021-09-21 Since embarking on economic reforms in 1978, the People's Republic of China has also undergone a sweeping cultural reorganization, from proletarian culture under Mao to middle-class consumer culture today. Under these circumstances, how has a Chinese middle class come into being, and how has it come to define its place vis-à-vis the newly defined "modern" socialist society? The Art of Useless offers an innovative way to understand China's unprecedented political-economic, social, and cultural transformations, showing how consumer culture helps anticipate, produce, and shape a new middle-class subjectivity. Examining changing representations of the production and consumption of fashion in documentaries and films, Calvin Hui traces how culture contributes to China's changing social relations through the cultivation of new identities and sensibilities. He explores the commodity chain of fashion on a transnational scale, from production to consumption to disposal, as well as media portrayals of the intersections of clothing with class, gender, and ethnicity. Hui illuminates key cinematic narratives, such as a factory worker's desire for a high-quality suit in the 1960s, an intellectual's longing for fashionable clothes in the 1980s, and a white-collar woman's craving for brand-name commodities in the 2000s. He considers how documentary films depict the underside of the socialist cultural capital, and he examines the role of the products they manufacture as well as the accumulation of waste and disposability — revealing how global capitalism renders migrant factory workers, scavengers, and garbage invisible. A highly interdisciplinary work that combines theoretical nuance with masterful close analysis, The Art of Useless is an innovative rethinking of the emergence of China's middle-class consumer culture.


New Asian Marxisms Tani E. Barlow 2002-03-19 Displaying the particular vitality of the global traditions of Marxism and neo-Marxism at the beginning of the twenty-first century, New Asian Marxisms collects essays by a diverse group of scholars—historians, political scientists, literary scholars, and sociologists—who offer a range of studies of the Marxist heritage focusing on Korea, Japan, India, and China. While some of these essays take up key thinkers in Marxist history or draw attention to outstanding problematics, others focus on national literature and discourse in North and South Korea, the "Mao Zedong Fever" of the 1990s, the implications of Li Dakui's poetry, and the Indian Naxalite movement. Displaying the particular vitality of the global traditions of Marxism and neo-Marxism at the beginning of the twenty-first century, New Asian Marxisms collects essays by a diverse group of scholars—historians, political scientists, literary scholars, and sociologists—who offer a range of studies of the Marxist heritage focusing on Korea, Japan, India, and China. While some of these essays take up key thinkers in Marxist history or draw attention to outstanding problematics, others focus on national literature and discourse in North and South Korea, the "Mao Zedong Fever" of the 1990s, the implications of Li Dakui's poetry, and the Indian Naxalite movement. Displaying the particular vitality of the global traditions of Marxism and neo-Marxism at the beginning of the twenty-first century, New Asian Marxisms collects essays by a diverse group of scholars—historians, political scientists, literary scholars, and sociologists—who offer a range of studies of the Marxist heritage focusing on Korea, Japan, India, and China. While some of these essays take up key thinkers in Marxist history or draw attention to outstanding problematics, others focus on national literature and discourse in North and South Korea, the "Mao Zedong Fever" of the 1990s, the implications of Li Dakui's poetry, and the Indian Naxalite movement.

Police Reform in China Kam C. Wong 2011-10-11 With nearly 20 percent of the world's population located in China, what happens there is significant to all nations. Sweeping changes have altered the cultural landscape of China, and as opportunities for wealth have grown in recent years, so have opportunities for crime. Police Reform in China provides a rare and insightful glimpse of policing in the midst of such change. The book begins with a historical account of police reform in the region since 2000. Next, it discusses the difficulties encountered in trying to understand Chinese policing, such as outdated perceptions, misinformation, cultural ignorance, ideological hegemony, and problems with paternalistic attitudes. The book recommends studying China from a local perspective informed by local research and data, suggesting that understanding China requires a cultural shift to the Chinese way of life in “thinking” and, more importantly, “feeling.” The author then summarizes selected policy papers from China’s leading academics and practitioners of public administration and concludes his discussion by offering potential directions for change.

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Demonstrating how old ideologies are increasingly in conflict with the values and lifestyles of a new mentality, the book discusses strategies that can be taken to improve professionalism. The final chapters investigate such problems as abuses of discretion and the improper use of firearms and highlight the importance of understanding the Chinese people, culture, values, and interests in order to truly effectuate successful police reform.

Staging art and Chineseness Jane Chin Davidson 2019-12-17 This book addresses the politics of borders in the era of global art by exploring the intersection of Chinese artists with western exhibitions. Using examples from two-oriented video works by the post-1989 generation, it tests the premise of genealogical inscription and the ways in which cultural objects are attributed to the artist’s residency, homeland or citizenship rather than cultural tradition, style or practice. Acknowledging historical definitions of Chineseness, including the orientalist assumptions of the past and the cultural moments of the present, the book’s case studies address the paradoxes and contradictions of representation. An analysis of the historical matrix of global exhibitions reveals the structural connections among art, culture, capital and nation. A final interlude situates contemporary Chinese art in the post-2000 era of political career spanned more than half a century. The ideas he championed transformed one of the largest nations on earth and inspired revolutionary movements across the world. Even today Mao lives on in China, where he is regarded by many as a nearly-mythic figure, and in the West, where a burgeoning line of literature on and about him is in the making. It may be that the universal significance of the ideas he propounded from different generations and around the world offer a critical evaluation of the life and legacy of China’s most famous - some would say infamously - son. The book brings the scholarship on Mao up to date, and its alternative perspectives equip readers to see the past and the future. Since the seventeenth century, fictive accounts of a monster called Taowu was known for both its vicious nature and its power. The book is divided into three parts: the first part is an introduction to a metaphysical paradox in capitalism and modernity: the inevitable tension between a constant pursuit of infinite fullness and a break of fullness (Chineseness) as the means of this pursuit. In the Chinese context, this paradox is created in the "Chineseness developmentality" that most manifestly characterizes the post-sociopolitical period. Gong goes on to investigate manifestations of the dialectics of Chineseness in specific cultural events. Four case studies address respectively but not exclusively literature (the prose of Yu Quyu), popular fiction (Chi Li's neorealist fiction), commercial cinema (The movies of Feng Xiaogang), and art-house cinema (Wang Xiaoshuai's filmmaking). Representing different aspects of cultural production in postsocialist China, these writers and directors deal with the same social condition of uneven development, and their works clearly exhibit the problematics of this age. Uneven Modernity makes a significant contribution to the burgeoning field of China studies as well as the study of modern Chinese literature. It provides some of the most popular, yet understudied, cultural phenomena in contemporary China. Specialists and students will find its insights admirable and its style accessible.

Cognition and Practice Rafael Banka 2022-07-01 This is the first book on the influence of the Marxist aesthetic turn (1950s–20s) in China, and one of China’s most important and influential contemporary philosophers. The cognitive dimension and its integration with practice is discussed by examining one of Li’s pivotal concepts: "subjectivity," a human subject shaped by the world in which they live, including beauty and aesthetic experience. Li’s theory is also compared with the thought of contemporary Confucian philosophers and Marxist philosophers, which differently conceptualize the aesthetic and cognitive dimensions in humans. By referring to different aesthetic theories and interdisciplinary approaches to cognition, the book aims to show how Li’s concept of aesthetic modernity contributes to a genuine dialectics of aesthetics. Although primarily written for philosophers working in aesthetics, Chinese, and comparative philosophy, the book is also addressed to anyone interested in contemporary Chinese thought.

The Tragic Ideology in Chinese Feminism Tan Barlow 2004-03-25 DIVBarlow documents the history of “woman” as a category in twentieth century Chinese history, tracing the question of gender through various phases in the literary career of Ding Ling, a major modern Chinese writer.

The New Modernist Studies: As Modern as Marxism Max Weisss 2002-06-28 The November 1970 coup that brought Hafiz al-'Assad to power fundamentally transformed cultural production in Syria. A comprehensive intellectual, ideological, and political project, al-'Assad's new regime sought to reassert the ideological commitments of the Ba'ath party with the ideological interests of the regime. The ensuing aggressive struggle pitted official aesthetics of power against alternative modes of creative expression that could evade or ignore the effects of the state. With this book, Max Weiss offers the first cultural and intellectual history of Ba’ath Syria, from the coming to power of Hafiz al-Asad, through the transitional period under Bashir al-Asad, and continuing up through the Syria War. Revolutions Aesthetic recontextualizes contemporary Syrian politics, authoritarianism, and cultural life. Engaging rich original sources—novels, films, and cultural periodicals—Weiss highlights themes crucial to the making of contemporary Syrian aesthetics: heroism and leadership, gender and power, comedy and order, surveillance and the senses, witnessing and temporality, and death and the imagination. Revolutions Aesthetic places front and center the struggle around aesthetic ideology that has been key to the constitution of state, society, and culture in the Middle East since the Ba’ath rebellion, and offers new perspectives on the landscapes of power in the region today.

Mute Magazine 9 Mute 2008-07 Quarterly, critical and cheap, "Mute" is a jumble of all that’s still grunting in the inter-finishing hyper-barrios of culture, politics, and technology 2.0. Mute is focussed on (Jaco) Gertz 2009 This publication reflects from within the perspective of Western cultural studies upon the following inherent problems. Western cultural studies claim to be universal but nevertheless have developed their theories almost exclusively with Western source material and concerns. Yet, even within the Western academic discourse, a multiplicity of strands have emerged within the discipline and the significantly in the past two decades national cultural studies therefore shows no unified body of cultural studies. With its enormous impact on Western cultural studies are not yet adequately developed, generating an even greater diversity of cultural studies approaches. While acknowledging that multiplicity and diversity are vital for a comprehensive, interdisciplinary and critical understanding of contemporary capitalism, this book aims to show how Li’s pivotal concepts: “subjectality,” a human subject shaped by the world in which they live, including beauty and aesthetic experience. The book brings the scholarship on Mao up to date, and its alternative perspectives equip readers to see the past and the future. Since the seventeenth century, fictive accounts of a monster called Taowu was known for both its vicious nature and its power. The book is divided into three parts: the first part is an introduction to a metaphysical paradox in capitalism and modernity: the inevitable tension between a constant pursuit of infinite fullness and a break of fullness (Chineseness) as the means of this pursuit. In the Chinese context, this paradox is created in the “Chineseness developmentality” that most manifestly characterizes the post-sociopolitical period. Gong goes on to investigate manifestations of the dialectics of Chineseness in specific cultural events. Four case studies address respectively but not exclusively literature (the prose of Yu Quyu), popular fiction (Chi Li’s neorealist fiction), commercial cinema (the movies of Feng Xiaogang), and art-house cinema (Wang Xiaoshuai’s filmmaking). Representing different aspects of cultural production in postsocialist China, these writers and directors deal with the same social condition of uneven development, and their works clearly exhibit the problematics of this age. Uneven Modernity makes a significant contribution to the burgeoning field of China studies as well as the study of modern Chinese literature. It provides some of the most popular, yet understudied, cultural phenomena in contemporary China. Specialists and students will find its insights admirable and its style accessible.

Culture in the Age of Three Worlds Michael Denning 2004 Before the midpoint of the Twentieth Century, culture was a subject routinely relegated to the background of any period’s progress. From the 1950s to the mid-1980s, however, it was in some ways in the foreground. Suddenly culture was everywhere—no longer the property of an elite, the masses had a culture and culture had a mass. Accordingly, the study of culture and the critique of culture became an indispensable central part of cultural theory and intellectual activity. "(W)hile (T)he shift from the West to the Third World, the communist second world, and the decolonizing third world. Recasting the legacies of British cultural studies and the radical traditions of the American studies movement in a global context, Denning analyses the political and intellectual battles over the meanings of culture, addressing the rise of a discipline known as "American cultural studies"." Based on this short "American cultural century," and charts the lines of the global cultures that emerged as three worlds gave way to one.

Red Kant: Aesthetics, Marxism and the Third Critique Michael Wayne 2014-09-25 Is Kant really the 'bourgeois' philosopher that his advocates and opponents take him to be? In this bold and original re-thinking of Kant, Michael Wayne argues that with his aesthetic turn in the Third Critique, Kant broke significantly from the problematic philosophical structure of the Critique of Pure Reason. Through his philosophy of the aesthetic Kant begins to circumvent the dualities in his thought. In so doing he shows us today how the aesthetic is a powerful means for imagining our way past the apparent, the superficial, the surface. He argues that Kant’s concepts of beauty and the sublime are re-interpreted as attempts to socialise the aesthetic while Wayne reconstructs the usually hidden gender-kant and important Marxist concepts such as totality, dialectics, mediation and even politics and hermeneutics. Important for materialist philosophers, this book simultaneously offers a Marxist defence of creativity and imagination grounded in our power to think metaphorically and in Kant’s concept of reflective judgment. Wayne also critiques aspects of Marxist cultural theory that have not offended the aesthetic the relative autonomy and specificity which it has. Discussing such themes as gender, Böcklin, Baudelaire, and the aesthetic turn in critical theory, Red Kant: Aesthetics, Marxism and the Third Critique presents a new reading of Kant’s Third Critique that challenges Marxist and mainstream assessments of Kant's views.

2000: Comparative and General Literature The Monkey That Slept History David Der-Wei Wang 2004-10-04 In ancient China a monster called Taowu was known for both its vicious nature and its power, to see the past and the future. Since the seventeenth century, fictive accounts of history have accumulated themselves to the monstrous nature of Taowu. In this book, David Der-Wei Wang delineates the many meanings of Chinese violence and its literary manifestations.
The Novel’s two volumes are a unified multiauthored reference work, containing translated selection from the epic five-volume Italian Il Romanzo (2001-2003), ambition and sweep as its subject, Franco Moretti’s The Novel is a watershed. The Novel, Volume 1

Through ethnographic inquiry, Dal Maso shows the Chinese stock markets are adopting a genealogical method to investigate how the production of foreign-capitalist and indigenous culture in China has affected the subjectivities of stock market investors to explore tensions that result from the changing nature of capitalism. The Novel, Volume 1

The Cultures of Globalization Professor Fredric Jameson 1998 A pervasive force that evades easy analysis, globalization has come to represent the export and import of culture, the speed and intensity of which has increased to unprecedented levels of regional and local integration and disintegration. The volume collects entries on contemporary Chinese culture since 1980, discussing such topics as prisons, underground churches, and rock groups.

Beyond the Global Culture War Adam K. Webb 2013-08-21 "Beyond the Global Culture War" is a coherent, creative, and cultural turn in the academy. Farming with Chinese Characteristics is a broad-based challenge that can meet it on its own scale. Adam Webb is one of our most exciting and original young scholars, and this book is certain to generate many new debates. This timely volume probes many of the key challenges we face in the new millennium. This is essential reading for all students of politics and culture.

Abolishing Boundaries Prof. Zehou Li 2021-02-01 Offers new perspectives on modern Chinese political thought. Focusing on four key Chinese intellectuals of the first half of the twentieth century, Abolishing Boundaries offers new perspectives on modern Chinese political thought. These four intellectuals—Kang Youwei, Chen Duxiu, Liang Qichao, and Hu Shih—were deeply familiar with the Confucian and Buddhist classical texts, while also interested in the West’s utopian literature of the late nineteenth century as well as Kant and the neo-Kantians, Marxists, and John Dewey and new liberalism, respectively. Although none of these four intellectuals can simply be labeled utopian thinkers, this book highlights how their thinking was intertwined with utopian ideals to produce theories of secular transcendence, liberalism, and communism, and how, in explicit and implicit ways, their ideas required some utopian impulse in order to escape the boundaries they identified as imprisoning the Chinese people and all humankind. To abolish the boundaries was to bring into being a world where we are no longer present. This was not a matter of armchair philosophizing but of thinking through new ways to commit to action. These pen did not hold a totalistic picture of some perfect society, but in distinctly different ways they all displayed a utopian impulse that fueled radical visions of change. Their work reveals a deep similarity about the nature of utopia, the role of the utopian imagination, and the utopian impulse in the world.

Reacting to China’s problems, they sought a better future for all humanity. Peter Zarrow is Professor of History at the University of Connecticut. His previous books include Educating China: Knowledge, Society, and Politics in a Globalizing World and After Che Guevara: The Conceptual Transformation of the Chinese State, 1885-1924. The Chinese Aesthetic Tradition Zehou Li 2009-11-12 Lu Zehou (b. 1930) has been an influential thinker in China since the 1950s. Before moving to the U.S. in the wake of the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989, Li published works on Kant and philosophy, and cofounded the journal Philosophy and Contemporary Issues. His previous book, After Che Guevara, is considered among Li’s most significant works. Apart from its value as an introduction to the philosophy of the Chinese Intellectuals, The Chinese Aesthetic Tradition is a lucid presentation of Li’s major ideas. It is a major work of synthesis. It presents Li’s synthesis of the entire trajectory of Chinese aesthetic thought, from ancient times to the early modern period, incorporating pre-Confucian and Confucian ideas, Daoism, Chan Buddhism, and the influence of Western philosophy during the late-imperial period. As one of China’s most important philosophers, Li is a thought leader who has been in a position to observe the trajectory of Chinese thought and make it intelligible to today’s readers. The Chinese Aesthetic Tradition touches on all areas of artistic activity, including poetry, painting, calligraphy, architecture, and the “art of living.”

The Novels, Volume 1

Moretti 2004-12 Nearly as global in its attraction and sweep as its subject, Franco Moretti’s The Novel is a watershed event in the understanding of the first truly planetary literary form. A translated selection from the epic five-volume Italian Il Romanzo (2001-2003), The Novel’s two volumes are a unified multiauthored reference work, containing translated selection from the epic five-volume Italian Il Romanzo (2001-2003), ambition and sweep as its subject, Franco Moretti’s The Novel is a watershed event in the understanding of the first truly planetary literary form. A translated selection from the epic five-volume Italian Il Romanzo (2001-2003), ambition and sweep as its subject, Franco Moretti’s The Novel is a watershed event in the understanding of the first truly planetary literary form.
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Drawing from Life. Christine I. Ho. 2020-02-11. Drawing from Life explores revolutionary drawing and sketching in the early People’s Republic of China (1949–1965) in order to discover how artists created a national form of socialist realism. Tracing the development of seminal works by the major painters Xu Beihong, Wang Shikuo, Li Keran, Li Xiongcai, Dong Xiwen, and Fu Baoshi, author Christine I. Ho reconstructs how artists grappled with the representational politics of a nascent socialist art. The divergent approaches, styles, and genres presented in this study reveal an art world that is both heterogeneous and cosmopolitan. Through a history of artistic practices in pursuit of Maoist cultural ambitions—to forge new registers of experience, new structures of feeling, and new aesthetic communities—this original book argues that socialist Chinese art presents a critical, alternative vision for global modernism.

China’s Conservative Revolution. Brian Tsui. 2018-04-19. In this ambitious examination of the complex political culture of China under Guomindang rule, Brian Tsui interweaves political ideologies, intellectual trends, social movements and diplomatic maneuvers to demonstrate how the Chinese revolution became conservative after the anti-Communist coup of 1927. Dismissing violent struggles for class equality as incompatible with nationalist goals, Chiang Kai-shek’s government should, Tsui argues, be understood in the context of the global ascendance of radical right-wing movements during the inter-war period. The Guomindang’s revolutionary nation-building and modernization project struck a chord with China’s reformist liberal elite, who were wary of mob rule, while its obsession with Eastern spirituality appealed to Indian nationalists fighting Western colonialism. The Nationalist vision was defined by the party-state’s hostility to communist challenges as much as by its ability to co-opt liberalism and Pan-Asianist anti-colonialism. Tsui’s revisionist reading revisits the peculiarities of the Guomindang’s revolutionary enterprise, resituating Nationalist China in the moment of global radical right ascendency.