Transnational Elite Sociality: Clubs and Associations in Semi-colonial Shanghai

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Dr Ding probes the sociality of the old clubs and associations in Shanghai after its opening up as a treaty port city. Operating under imperial extraterritoriality, clubs in old Shanghai transplanted the social hierarchy from their home country and were highly formal and rule bound. The clubs of the Shanghai landers were the product of colonialism as well as localism. The emergence of social clubs is indicative of Shanghai’s historical development as a cosmopolitan city. This study adds to the literature on the urban history of China a unique and underexplored perspective. Dr Ding, Swire-Cathy Pacific Visiting Academic at St. Antony’s College and Advisory Board Member of Local Environment: the International Journal of Justice and Sustainability.

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