

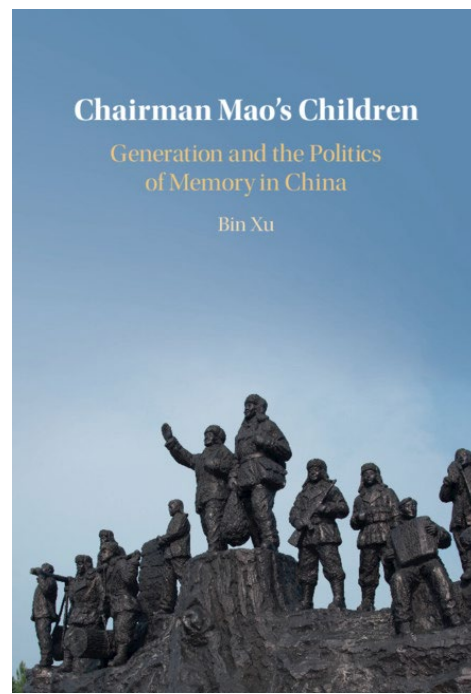


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mit

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Chairman Mao's Children: Generation and the Politics of Memory in China

In the 1960s and 1970s, around 17 million Chinese youths were mobilized or forced by the state to migrate to rural villages and China's frontiers. In his book *Chairman Mao's Children: Generation and the Politics of Memory in China* (Cambridge 2021), Bin Xu tells the story of how this 'sent-down' generation has come to terms with their difficult past. Exploring representations of memory, including personal life stories, literature, museum exhibits, and acts of commemoration, he argues that these representations are defined by a struggle to reconcile worthiness with the political upheavals of the Mao years. These memories, however, are used by the state to construct an official narrative that weaves this generation's experiences into an upbeat story of the 'China dream'. This marginalizes those still suffering and obscures voices of self-reflection on their moral-political responsibility for their actions. Xu provides a careful analysis of this generation of 'Chairman Mao's children', caught between the political and the personal, past and present, nostalgia and regret, and pride and trauma.

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