Books, History, News, and Films on China

Helpful resources for those considering a degree in Chinese
History


Note especially

- Peter C. Perdue, Rise and Fall of the Canton Trade System
- Lillian M. Li, The Garden of Perfect Brightness
- Peter C. Perdue, The First Opium War
- Kathryn Edgerton Tarpley, Pictures to Draw Tears from Iron: the North China Famine of 1876-1879
- Jeffrey Wasserstrom & Rebecca Nedostup, Shanghai’s Lens on the New(s): Dianshizhai Pictorial (1884–1898)
- John A. Crespi, China’s Modern Sketch
Politics and News

South China Morning Post [www.scmp.com](http://www.scmp.com) (They also have a very good app)


Up-to-date commentary and analysis


All-round news source for China, especially for business, economics and politics. The articles headed “Insight” are particularly useful.

Financial Times – China [https://www.ft.com/stream/8b82f4f1-6fd3-4fe1-91db-99c8c1802016](https://www.ft.com/stream/8b82f4f1-6fd3-4fe1-91db-99c8c1802016)

News, commentary, and analysis on politics, economics, and other topics on China.

China File [http://www.chinafile.com](http://www.chinafile.com)

Online magazine run by the Center for US-China Relations and the Asia Society, edited by Orville Schell, big-name analysts. Also includes good links to other major China stories on the web.


Hosted by the University of Nottingham but with external contributions, great source of commentary and analysis.

China Media Project [http://chinamediaproject.org/](http://chinamediaproject.org/)

Online magazine run by Qian Gang and David Bandurski in partnership with the University of Hong Kong, focusing on politics, media, and communications.

Carnegie Tsinghua [https://carnegietsinghua.org/](https://carnegietsinghua.org/)

Beijing chapter of the Carnegie Endowment. Great analysis on politics, international relations, and law.

Jamestown China Brief [https://jamestown.org/programs/cb/](https://jamestown.org/programs/cb/)

China analysis for policy-makers, intelligence and military personnel, academics, journalists, and business leaders under the direction of Dr. Arthur Waldron at the University of Pennsylvania.

Berlin-based think tank working on China’s political, economic, social, technological and ecological developments, and the corresponding global impacts. It has a particular focus on China’s impact on Europe.

SupChina [https://supchina.com/](https://supchina.com/)

Along with its widely known Sinica podcast, this is a must-know resource on Chinese news, social trends, and their analysis.

Nikkei Asian Review [https://asia.nikkei.com/](https://asia.nikkei.com/)

Provides a view from Japan and often offers analysis and insights unavailable elsewhere.

What’s on Weibo [https://www.whatsonweibo.com/](https://www.whatsonweibo.com/)

Managed by Manya Koetse. The site focuses on social trends on the Chinese social media platform Weibo and provides accompanying analysis and context.


**Classical Literature and Philosophy**


**Modern Literature**


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**Film**


Jia Zhangke, *Still Life*, 2006

Lu Chuan, *City of Life and Death*, 2009.


____________, *In the Mood for Love*, 2000.


Biographies and Memoirs


People’s Experiences


