Late Qing and Republican-Era Chinese Newspapers

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The first half of the twentieth century began with the demise of China’s last imperial dynasty, the Great Qing, and ended with the foundation of the People’s Republic of China in October 1949. Following the 1912 establishment of China’s first post-imperial government, the Republic of China, the country experienced both industrial and social revolution, a civil war during which communist and nationalist forces battled to shape the country’s future, and looming external threats during both world wars.

The Late Qing and Republican-Era Chinese Newspapers collection provides invaluable perspective on this critical period. The press of more than twenty cities is represented, spanning the Chinese mainland and the entire half century. The collection provides researchers a richly comprehensive perspective on Chinese life, culture, and politics throughout the collapse of the Qing Dynasty, the years of provisional government and civil war, and the birth of the People’s Republic.

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Current Titles

Current titles in the Late Qing and Republican-Era Chinese Newspapers collection include:

- Da gong wan bao (大公晚報), Chongqing, 1944-1949
- Dong nan ri bao (東南日報), Shanghai, 1947-1948
- Gong ping bao (公評報), Guangzhou, 1924-1949
- Hua bei ri bao (華北日報), Beijing, 1929-1949
- Hua bei xin bao (華北新報), Beijing, 1944-1945
- Hua guang ri bao (華光日報), Nanchang, 1938-1949
- Li bao (立報), Shanghai, 1946-1949
- Minguo ri bao (華光日報), Shanghai, 1916-1946
- Nanjing wan bao (南京晚報), Nanjing, 1929-1949
- Pei du wan bao (陪都晚報), Chongqing, 1946-1947
The collection contains over 290 titles and over 450,000 pages of content. Access the collection at https://gpa.eastview.com/crl/lqrcn/ to view the complete list of titles.

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East View and the Center for Research Libraries have created the GPA CRL Alliance to steer the development of a series of thematically designed databases for East View’s Global Press Archive program to meet the specific needs and priorities of CRL members. Launched in 2019, the charter phase of the GPA CRL Alliance resulted in the creation of nine collections, encompassing hundreds of newspaper titles and totaling over 4.5 million pages, of which 3 million pages are fully Open Access.

The first of these collections – Late Qing and Republican-Era Chinese Newspapers, Middle Eastern and North African Newspapers, Independent and Revolutionary Mexican Newspapers, Imperial Russian Newspapers, Southeast Asian Newspapers, and South Asian Newspapers – are all Open Access collections and are the result of close collaboration between East View and CRL, with CRL advisors selecting and curating the content, and CRL members funding the collections to facilitate global Open Access.

Encouraged by the positive results of Phase 1, a second phase of the GPA CRL Alliance is now underway. The continuation of this highly successful academic-commercial partnership between CRL and East View will serve our shared values of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and continue to extend access to global newspaper collections to the widest possible audience. Fundraising for Phase 2 has ended but CRL members are still encouraged to contribute to the program.

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