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“Urbanization and Social Change in Early 20th-century Xikang (in Tibet), China”

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Tibetan studies is quite popular both inside and outside China. But Kham or Xikang, as part of Tibet, has not received much attention. Historically, the Xikang region was marginalized by both the central and Tibetan governments. By the late nineteenth century, the region had attracted the attention of Qing officials and merchants, becoming a focus of government activities due to crises in the southwest frontier area. Because of the second Sino-Japanese War the Republican governments made repeated efforts to incorporate the area and its people into the expanding Chinese state and nation. Thus great changes took place in many aspects of Xikang's society such as the urban economy, transportation, education, and daily life. The impact of these changes is still apparent in Xikang today.



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