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Links Presented During the Webinar

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*For further details & information, see attached PDF*

- Using the Chinese Collections at the Library of Congress
  - [https://catalog.loc.gov/vwebv/searchBrowse](https://catalog.loc.gov/vwebv/searchBrowse)
    - Use Chinese characters not pinyin
    - Use traditional characters for books before 1958
    - If simplified does not turn up search, try traditional

- Highlights:
  - Local Gazetteers: largest collection of gazetteers outside of China
  - Don’t just stay within the Asian Division; check out other libraries within the LOC: Law Library; Prints and Photographs; Geography and Maps (some digitized)
  - Manchu material now being inventoried

- Other Links
  - Library of Congress Asian Division
    - [https://www.loc.gov/rr/asian/](https://www.loc.gov/rr/asian/)
    - Link to detailed information about the library’s pre-1958 Chinese holdings (42,000 items!) [https://loc.gov/rr/asian/pre58.html](https://loc.gov/rr/asian/pre58.html).
  - Databases accessible within library, e.g. CAJ. You can learn which China-related subscription databases are available at the Library from [https://www.loc.gov/rr/asian/ChineseDB2.html](https://www.loc.gov/rr/asian/ChineseDB2.html).
  - Digital Collections accessible from home
    - New Chinese Rare Book Digital Collection: [https://www.loc.gov/collections/chinese-rare-books/about-this-collection/](https://www.loc.gov/collections/chinese-rare-books/about-this-collection/)
    - Naxi Manuscript Collection: [https://www.loc.gov/rr/asian/naxiAnnouncement.html](https://www.loc.gov/rr/asian/naxiAnnouncement.html)
    - Tibetan Oral History Archive Project: [https://www.loc.gov/collections/tibetan-oral-history-project/about-this-collection/](https://www.loc.gov/collections/tibetan-oral-history-project/about-this-collection/)
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- Taiwan Scholarships for Students and Researchers
  - Research grant from the National Library Center for China Studies: https://ces.ncl.edu.tw/EN/Reward.aspx
  - Academia Sinica fellowships for doctoral students in humanities and social sciences: https://www.sinica.edu.tw/en/articles/277

- How to get started in Taiwan?: A general guide to Taiwan databases is the Union Catalog run out of Academia Sinica’s Center for Digital Cultures: https://catalog.digitalarchives.tw/
- Academia Sinica Libraries: https://las.sinica.edu.tw/
  - Published collected works, journals, newspapers, pamphlets; Mainland databases; also features Japanese, English, Korean, European languages
- Academia Sinica Institutes (Division of Humanities and Social Sciences): https://www.sinica.edu.tw/en/articles/12
  - Modern History; History and Philology; Taiwan History; Chinese Literature & Philosophy; Ethnography (focused on Taiwan); Political Science; Humanities & Social Sciences (Western philosophy)

- Databases/Archives
    - Scripta Sinica: databases on classics and commentaries on the classics
      - Used for Qing period information
      - Not open to the public, can apply for access for a year
      - Not comparable to the First Historical Archives in Beijing, but a good place to start
  - Modern History: http://archives.sinica.edu.tw/en/
    - Database of Chinese-English dictionaries, 1815-1920
    - Collection of memorials from the Qing dynasty
    - Database of tabloids (xiaobao) starting in the late Qing
    - Modern Annals database
      - Government proclamations, Chiang Kai-shek’s diary entries, and several other diaries
    - Biographical databases
    - Specialized databases, e.g., Qing dynasty grain prices
    - Database of women’s journals from late Qing through ROC
    - Foreign Ministry archives from 1860s onward
    - Economic Ministry archives
    - Hu Shih archives (diary, some works online)

- Other archives in Taipei
- Archives of the Bureau of Investigation (*diaochaju*)
  - Strong on government documents from 1925 onward
  - Can also do search by name (police reports, letters)
  - Some materials from Foreign Ministry and Ministry of Education
  - Yan Xishan Archives
- Taiwan Historica: [https://www.th.gov.tw/new_site/10webeng/treasured.php](https://www.th.gov.tw/new_site/10webeng/treasured.php)
  - Zhengzhi daxue (National Chengchi University)
    - Database of Modern Chinese Thought: textual analysis
    - Qing documents: palace memorials, Grand Secretariat, Historiography Bureau
    - Mostly available in databases/physically published; some materials not yet published, scraps of inter-bureaucratic correspondence
    - Archives on the museum itself

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*See attached PDF for more information and links*

- Sources:
  - Best for late imperial and modern; some sources for PRC, but not the main focus
- Libraries:
    - Collections:
      - [https://dl.ndl.go.jp/?__lang=en](https://dl.ndl.go.jp/?__lang=en)
      - [https://ndlonline.ndl.go.jp/](https://ndlonline.ndl.go.jp/)
      - [https://iss.ndl.go.jp/?ar=4e1f&locale=en](https://iss.ndl.go.jp/?ar=4e1f&locale=en)
- University Libraries
  - Tokyo University
  - Kyoto University
  - Kansai University
    - Masuda Bunko: archival collections of individual scholars
  - Keio University
- Other Libraries
  - Tokyo Metropolitan Library: [https://www.library.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/english/](https://www.library.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/english/)
    - Sanetō Bunko, overseas Chinese in Japan
- Archives
  - Diplomatic Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: [https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/hq/record/index.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/hq/record/index.html)
- Japan Center for Asian Historical Records:
  https://www.jacar.go.jp/english/about/materials.html
- Recent textbook: Japanese for Sinologists:
  https://www.ucpress.edu/book/9780520284395/japanese-for-sinologists

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- Two kinds of grassroots documents:
  - Non-archival: diaries, letters between family members and acquaintances (e.g., those collected by Zhang Letian at Fudan), and Red Guard newsletters
  - Formerly archival: things that look the same as things in archive, but they have been thrown away.
- Difficulties in using grassroots documents: How to cite? How to authenticate?
  - One solution: Make all cited documents publicly available.
    - See website: https://www.sfu.ca/prchistorytransparency.html
  - Grassroots Chinese History database in the works – will be posted to PRC History when it goes live
    - Future collections: family archive of officials in Zhejiang
  - Doing Garbology Research from Home: Kongfuzi website: https://www.kongfz.com/
    - Can look for items that are for sale or have already been sold. You can see the images without having to buy the items, then save the file for yourself.
  - Additional Resources:
    - Maoist Legacy Database: https://www.maoistlegacy.de/
      - Note: See Webinar #1 for introduction to Maoist Legacy Database by Amanda Shuman
    - Michael Schoenhals Collection in Lund: