



Once a "Mecca for China Studies"

Sharing insights from the USC Collection's integration into CUHK Library

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- 1963 Establishment of The Universities Service Centre (USC) to serve Western academics and scholars engaged in the study of contemporary China.
- 1988 USC became part of CUHK and renamed as Universities Service Centre for China Studies
- USC's collection became part of the Special Collections at CUHK Library, renamed as USC Collection. Academic activities continue under the auspices of the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS).



https://www.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/en/libraries/ul/us



USC Collection

- Books (Chinese and English)
 - Yearbooks and statistical yearbooks
 - Local gazetteers
 - CCP organizational history material 組織史資料
 - Census material 普查資料
 - Internal material 內部資料
 - Folk history 民間歷史
- Periodicals (Chinese and English)
 - Internal Periodicals 内部期刊
- Documentaries
- Newspapers







E-Resources

- Databank for China Studies (DCS) 中國研究數據庫 (Under review)
- Folk History Archive 民間歷史檔案庫 (Currently not available, in progress)
- Political Movement Database Series
 《中國當代政治運動史數據庫》系列
 - 《中國五十年代初中期運動數據庫:從土地改革到公私合營,1949-1956》
 - 《中國反右運動數據庫,1957-》
 - 《中國大躍進-大饑荒數據庫,1958-1964》
 - 《中國文化大革命數據庫, 1966-1976》

https://www.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/en/collections/spc/usc-collections/



Challenge 1

How to keep the collections' characteristics and integrity during its integration into CUHK Library by making it better accessible?







Integration of USC Collection into CUHK Library

- One collection among the CUHK Library's special collections
- Integration into the Library's workflows (acquisition, cataloguing, circulation, web-presentation etc.)
- Stock-taking, re-classification and re-cataloguing (USC's classification to LOC classification) to follow the same cataloguing practices and standards as the Library
 - Positive: material will be better visible, e.g., in HKALL or WorldCat, LOC is well known by students and international scholars
 - Negative: LOC only in part groups material of the same region together on the shelf following province codes.

Modern China Studies special collections

- Minguo Collection (1912-1949)
 - see also digitized collections (more than 700 titles): https://repository.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/en/collection/cuhk-minguo
- New China Collection (1950-1965)
- Cultural Revolution Collection (1966-1976)
 - see also digitized collections: Cultural Revolution in Images: Caricature-Posters from Guangzhou 1966-1977 https://repository.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/en/collection/crposter
- Universities Sevice Centre (USC) for China Studies Collection (mainly post-1949)



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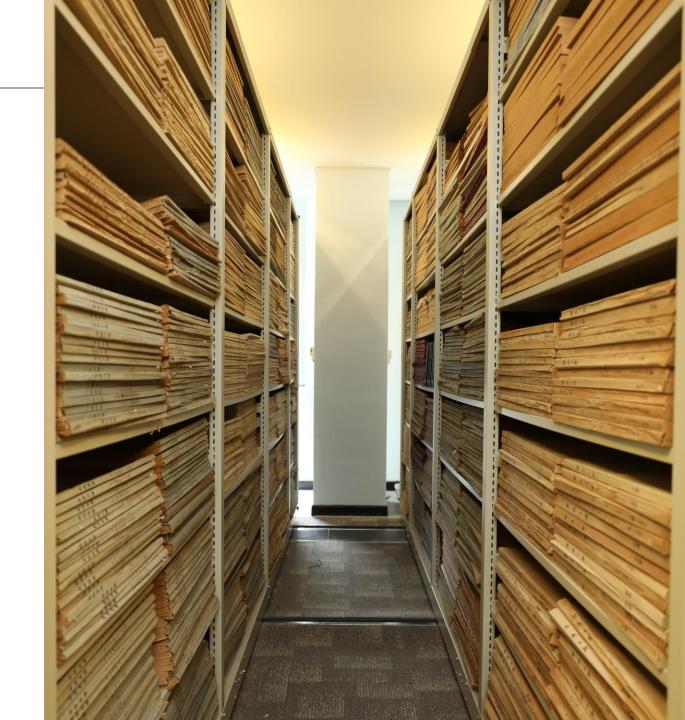


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Digitization and OA

Newspaper Digitization Project

- 40+ Chinese regional and topical newspapers
- Holdings from the late 1940s to end of 1960s
- About 1,000,000 pages
- Onsite scanning
- Article level indexing
- Server hosted in HK region
- Platform for searching/browsing
- Open Accessible
- Expected to be launched in late 2025





Challenge 2

How to continue with developing the collection following its original characteristics, by keeping it meaningful and valuable for future research?







Copyright related issues

Folk History Archive 民間歷史檔案庫

- Check copyright of content in Folk History Website
- Migrate Content to a Library hosted platform
- For unpublished memoires provided by the authors: publish the full text on the website
- For related relevant published texts (book publications, periodicals, blogs etc.): publish the metadata only
- Expected to be published in spring/summer 2024





New website. in preparation

們就活在歷史記錄中

自2022年起,《民間歷史》網站已停止更新,而線下的檔案庫則繼續提供借問服務及收線相關出版物。本中心感謝曾參與其中的各位。



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這樣走過	短篇	「盲流」「农民工」——我父母的故事	丁鸿生	2009.5.25		
這樣走過	短篇	上海东余杭路978弄2号	丁鸿生	不詳		
這樣走過	短篇	回忆中学里的先生	丁鸿生	不詳		
這樣走過	短篇	亿三位数学老师	丁鸿生	不詳		
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這樣走過	短篇	我的学长们	丁鸿生	不詳		
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這樣走過	短篇	我的小学	丁鸿生	不詳		

點緊維接下載網刊文章列表。



• "盲流""农民工"——我父母的故事

• 我的中国近现代史民间文本收藏录 (1860 - 1997)

• 那三年,我家饿死了三口人...

• 难忘的知青岁月

更多内容.







Backup of material

Political Movement Database Series 《中國當代政治運動史數據庫》系列

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- with continuous updating
- Server hosted in CUHK Library
- Backup: Mirror Server hosted in the US

Offline version

CD-ROM and USB version



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