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The Flourishing and Decline of the Central Plains

17th-Century Tokugawa Depictions of 'China' in Time and Space During the Ming-Qing Transition



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The Ming-Qing transition (1618-1683) was a military upheaval that not only consumed much of Ming China, but also saw two Manchu invasions of Joseon Korea in 1627 and 1636, and an influx of refugees into Tokugawa Japan. Accounts of the transition written by Ming and early Qing subjects their way by land and sea to Korea and Japan, where more accounts were produced and circulated by private individuals. At the same time, facilitated by socio-economic developments in print and literacy, there emerged an intellectual shift in East Asia towards contemporaneity, or an awareness amongst educated individuals across territorial borders that they inhabited a shared world.



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