

Preface

This volume originated in a conference on the Sino-Japanese War of 1937–45 held in Vancouver, Canada, in December 1995. A number of presentations were concerned with an aspect of the war that has received little attention, Chinese collaboration with the Japanese occupiers. What emerged was a highly complex picture of collaboration. Common to all papers was the theme of necessary accommodation to a powerful enemy. But how far accommodation went toward *collaboration*, or willing, let alone enthusiastic, association with the enemy, which is what the word *collaboration* implies in its more common pejorative sense, remained the challenging question. The essays in this collection suggest how far along the spectrum of collaboration various political actors and social groups in China went as they accommodated themselves to the realities they faced.

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