## **Periodization**

The following list comprises an overview of the historical dynasties referred to in this book.<sup>1</sup>

| Shāng 尚 / Yīn 殷                                  | ca. 1500–1045 BC |
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| Western Zhōu 周                                   | ca. 1045-771 BC  |
| Eastern Zhōu 周                                   | 770-221 BC       |
| Springs and Autumns period                       | 770-476 BC       |
| Warring States period                            | 453-221 BC       |
| Qín 秦 Dynasty                                    | 221-206 BC       |
| Hàn 漢 Dynasty                                    | 206 BC-220 CE    |
| Western Hàn 漢                                    | 206 BC-9 CE      |
| Xīn 新 Dynasty (Wáng Mǎng 王莽 <i>interregnum</i> ) | 9-23 CE          |
| Eastern Hàn 漢                                    | 25-220 CE        |
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<sup>1</sup> This periodization table is based on Barbieri-Low and Yates 2015: Section 1.2. For more on the periodization of Ancient China see, for example, Higham 1996; Keightley 1999; Lǐ Xuéqín 2002b; Shaughnessy 2009.

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