MEMO
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Here is a non-exhaustive, lightly annotated list of resources I consulted in the course of the work. This list includes books, journals and websites that provide curated primary-source law materials in translation. I do not include sources in Chinese or full-length primary texts by a single author (such as Red Star Over China). Young scholars may find this list helpful, so please feel free to circulate it.

BOOKS

IMPERIAL CHINA

- A full translation of the T’ang Code with a short but useful introduction.

- A translation of a sort of early hornbook for magistrates. Useful explanatory introductions are provided with the judgments, which are each only a page or two long.


- Contains a helpful introduction.

- These cases are particularly illuminating because they contain witness transcripts. The book’s bibliography on criminal justice in imperial China is also top notch.

- This is still the classic work on law in late imperial China and includes a ton of translated cases.
- This is not a book of legal texts per se, but it is full of early foreign policy documents, as well as a window into the Qing Court’s early forays into constitutionalism.

MODERN CHINA

- Not a book of legal documents, but still a great all-around compendium of primary sources.

- Exhaustive corpus of CCP documents from 1920-49.

- This is a treasure trove of interviews, book excerpts and translations of documents on criminal justice in the early PRC.

- Full translations of legal texts promulgated in the 1950s.

- Contains the *Agrarian Reform Law* and materials on the 1954 Constitution, as well useful political docs through the Cultural Revolution.

- A more manageable alternative the multi-volume canonical *Selected Works*.

- Mostly political documents from 1966-67.

- Includes documents through the end of the Cultural Revolution.

The China Reader Volumes 1-5:


- Very few law-related documents. The last volume is almost entirely essays about China rather than source material, mainly from foreign commentators.

**JOURNALS and ONLINE MATERIAL**

*Chinese Law and Government*

- A quarterly journal of Chinese legal documents in translation. In publication since 1968. All issues are available online, though older issues are behind a pay wall (at least for Berkeley).

*The Dui Hua Foundation* ([www.duihua.org](http://www.duihua.org))


- Translation and commentary on the SPC’s guiding cases.

*China Media Law Database* (http://chinacopyrightandmedia.wordpress.com/china-media-law-database/)

- Primarily copyright law-related material.