

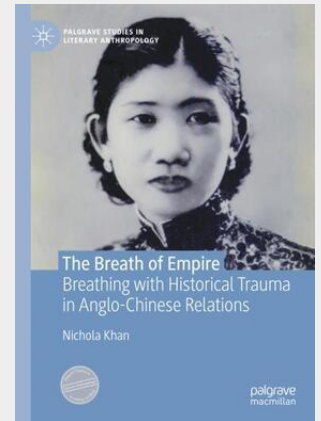
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The Breath of Empire

Breathing with Historical Trauma in Anglo-Chinese Relations

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