1 Circulating the Great Qing Code
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2 “Killing the Adulterous Lover” 杀死奸夫
    • 1695
    • Du Huailiang (husband) --- Mrs. Du (Wife)
    • Chen Wenxian (husband) --- Mrs. Chen (Wife)
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    • “If a wife or a concubine commits adultery with another man and her own husband catches the adulterer at the place in the very act of adultery and immediately kills both of them, there is no punishment.”
    • ---The Great Qing Code

3 Sources
    • 131 different editions of the legal Code printed in the Qing
    • Imperial and local archives
    • Professional and popular legal imprints:
      – Administrative and legal handbooks for officials
      – Secret handbooks for litigation masters,
      – Manuals for legal lectures aimed at a popular audience

4 The Great Qing Code
    大清律例

5 Number of Editions of the Great Qing Code
    *The Wuyingdian 武英殿 Imperial Publishing House

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8 Combined Copy of the Great Qing Code with Annotations and Explanations
    大清律箋釋合抄
    (1705 edition)

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12 A Community Lecture in Lianshan 連山 County, Guangdong Province (early 18th Century)
A Community Lecture in Suzhou 蘇州
late 19th Century