

# Contents

**Author's Note** vii

**Preface** ix

## **Chapter 1**

China in World History 1

## **Chapter 2**

Another Kind of Nation 29

## **Chapter 3**

Sovereign Relationships are Not Absolute 55

## **Chapter 4**

A Revolution is a New Mandate 81

## **Chapter 5**

Modernity, the State and Civilization 103

## **Appendix**

*Tianxia*: Perspectives from Outside of China 131

**Index** 153