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## FOREWORD *Song Yongyi*

Following the publication of the *Chinese Cultural Revolution Database (1966–1976)*, *China's Anti-Rightist Campaign Database (1957–)* represents yet another effort on the part of a group of scholars both inside and outside China to preserve both the truth of contemporary Chinese history and the collective memory of the Chinese people.

The Anti-Rightist Campaign in 1957 was a nationwide mass political campaign launched by the Chinese Communist Party and its leader Mao Zedong after the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949. This campaign affected people from every walk of Chinese society, especially the intellectuals. Regardless of whether or not it had anything to do with Mao Zedong's "open conspiracy" against the intellectuals, the Anti-Rightist Campaign began with a historically significant event: *Ming-Fang* or the government's encouragement of people to freely air their views. However, the campaign ended tragically with massive persecutions of Chinese intellectuals...

Considering the enormous quantity of information we are dealing in this project, hundreds of print volumes would be necessary if traditional printing mechanism were to be used. However, modern technology has made it possible to compress all the information into a tiny disc with multiple search capabilities. It can be said, therefore, that it was through the use of modern computer technology that a "1957 Anti-Rightist Campaign Museum" with both research and archival significance has been made possible. We hope to create in the next ten to twenty years a series of databases that focuses on contemporary Chinese history, especially the history of political movements. This series will cover documents on such historical events as the Land Reform, the Campaign to Suppress Counterrevolutionaries, the Ideological Reform Campaign, Agricultural Collectivization, the Great Leap Forward, the Great Famine, and the Four Clean-ups Campaign. By doing this, we hope to contribute to the cause of revealing the historical truth of contemporary Chinese history and preserving the collective memory of our people.



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## 總導言（宋永毅）

呈現在你們面前的這兩千多萬字的《中國反右運動資料庫（1957—）》光碟，是我們這群海內外學人繼《中國文化大革命資料庫（1966—1976）》出版後，為保存災難深重的中國當代史的歷史真相和健全我們民族集體記憶的又一嘗試。

發生於1957年的「反右運動」是中國共產黨和它的領袖毛澤東在中華人民共和國建立後發動的第一場波及社會各階層，尤其是知識份子的全國性、群眾性的大型政治運動。不管它是否和毛澤東打擊知識份子的“陽謀”策略有關，它都有著一個極有歷史意義的開端——鳴放，但不幸以對中國知識份子的反右大迫害的悲劇告終……

如此巨大的史料容量，如果採用傳統印刷的方式出版，可能有數百本之多，連存放都很不方便。而現代電腦技術卻使它們能濃縮在一盤體積極小的光碟之中，而且還能夠運用“作者”、“標題”、“時間”和“關鍵字”等途徑檢索。從這一意義上而言，這個資料庫光碟正借助於現代科技，在史料彙編方面完成了一個研究性和資料性並重的「1957年反右運動博物館」。出於同一歷史研究和現實需要的目的，我們還將殫精竭慮、集腋成裘，希望能假以時日，在今後的十年至二十年內逐一完成一系列有關中國當代史，尤其是政治史方面的資料庫。它們包括土地改革、鎮壓反革命和思想改造、農業合作化、大躍進——大饑荒、四清運動等等；通過這些努力，我們希望更接近災難深重的中國當代史的歷史真相，並為保存和健全我們民族的集體記憶做出貢獻。

## Comments from Scholars

“With painstaking efforts and out of a tremendous sense of responsibility for history, Song Yongyi, Ding Shu and their fellow scholars from inside and outside China have published, over the past ten years, both the first and second editions of *The Chinese Cultural Revolution Database, 1966–1976*. In so doing, they have laid a foundation stone for research on both the Cultural Revolution and contemporary Chinese history. Now, their *China’s Anti-Rightist Database 1957–* has also been successfully completed and published. The debut of this project has resulted in the availability of yet another highly significant database for the study of the rather complex contemporary Chinese history. I eagerly await the publication of their entire database series entitled *The Database for the History of Contemporary Chinese Political Movements, 1949–*. This foundational undertaking of unprecedented historical and academic significance will serve to both provide researchers with rich, comprehensive and systematic archival sources and contribute immeasurably to the preservation of the collective memory of our nation’s history.”

Xu Youyu 徐友漁, Professor  
*Chinese Academy of Social Sciences*  
*China*

“This database is a unique and significant contribution to promoting good scholarship that will lead to solid knowledge undermining the ‘official story’ of the Mao years in China. It should go a long way toward clarifying the cruel and negative impact of the Anti-Rightist Campaign in shaping China’s subsequent political destiny.”

Edward Friedman, Professor,  
*University of Wisconsin at Madison,*  
*USA*

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  3. 《中國大躍進——大饑荒資料庫（1958—1964）》，計畫在2014年出版，將包括在這一期間的所有政治經濟風雲。（即將出版）
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