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The South China enclave of Macau was the first and last European colonial settlement in East Asia and a territory at the crossroads of different empires. In this highly original study, Helena F. S. Lopes analyses the layers of collaboration that developed from neutrality in Macau during the Second World War. Exploring the intersections of local, regional and global dynamics, she unpacks the connections between a plurality of actors with competing and collaborative interests, including Chinese Nationalists, Communists and collaborators with Japan, Portuguese colonial authorities and British and Japanese representatives. Lopes argues that neutrality eased the movement of refugees of different nationalities who sought shelter in Macau during the war and that it helped to guarantee the maintenance of two remnants of European colonialism – Macau and Hong Kong. Drawing on extensive research from multilingual archival material from Asia, Europe, Australasia and America, this book brings to light the multiple global connections framing the experiences of neutrality and collaboration in the Portuguese-administered enclave of Macau.

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## Note on Chinese Names

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Chinese names are indicated with the surname first (as are Japanese names) and spelled according to the *Hanyu Pinyin* romanisation system with a few exceptions. These include the names of figures who are commonly known in Europe with other spellings (e.g. Sun Yat-sen, Chiang Kai-shek, T. V. Soong), in their English versions (e.g. Robert Ho Tung), or whose *Pinyin* equivalent could not be traced due to the lack of Chinese characters in the sources (e.g. a few Cantonese names mentioned in sources in European languages). Exceptions also include Chinese institutions that still exist today and whose official name romanisation does not follow *Hanyu Pinyin* (e.g. Kuomintang, Kiang Wu Hospital, Tung Sin Tong).

The spelling of Chinese place names will, with few exceptions, follow *Hanyu Pinyin* (e.g. Chongqing, Guangzhou). Other spellings might be used when quoting from primary sources (e.g. Chungking, Canton). ‘Macau’ is used to refer to the territory known in Mandarin as Aomen and in Cantonese as Ou Mun. ‘Macao’ will only be used when citing from primary sources.

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## Abbreviations

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BAAG	British Army Aid Group
BNU	Banco Nacional Ultramarino (National Overseas Bank)
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CMC	Chinese Maritime Customs
CO	Colonial Office
CRB	Central Reserve Bank, RNG
DAB	Deutsch-Asiatische Bank
FO	Foreign Office, United Kingdom
HKU	University of Hong Kong
HSBC	Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
KMT	Kuomintang
MC	Ministério das Colónias (Ministry of Colonies, Portugal)
MELCO	Macao Electric Lighting Company
MNE	Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Portugal)
MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROC
NHW	Netherlands Harbour Works Company
OSS	Office of Strategic Studies
PPC	People's Political Council
PRC	People's Republic of China
RNG	Reorganised National Government
ROC	Republic of China
SOE	Special Operations Executive
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
USA	United States of America
USSR	Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics
WATCO	Macao Waterworks Company
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association