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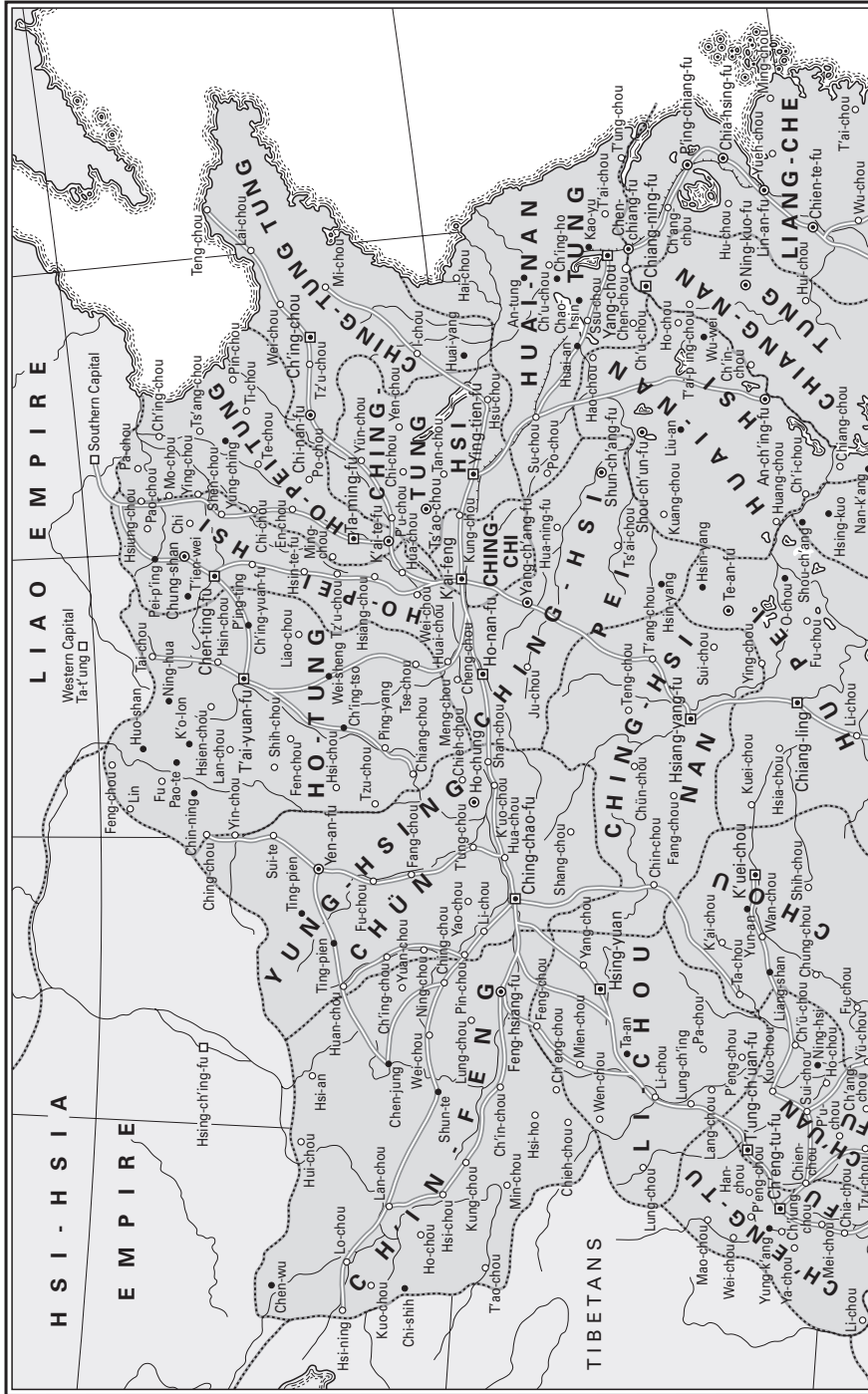
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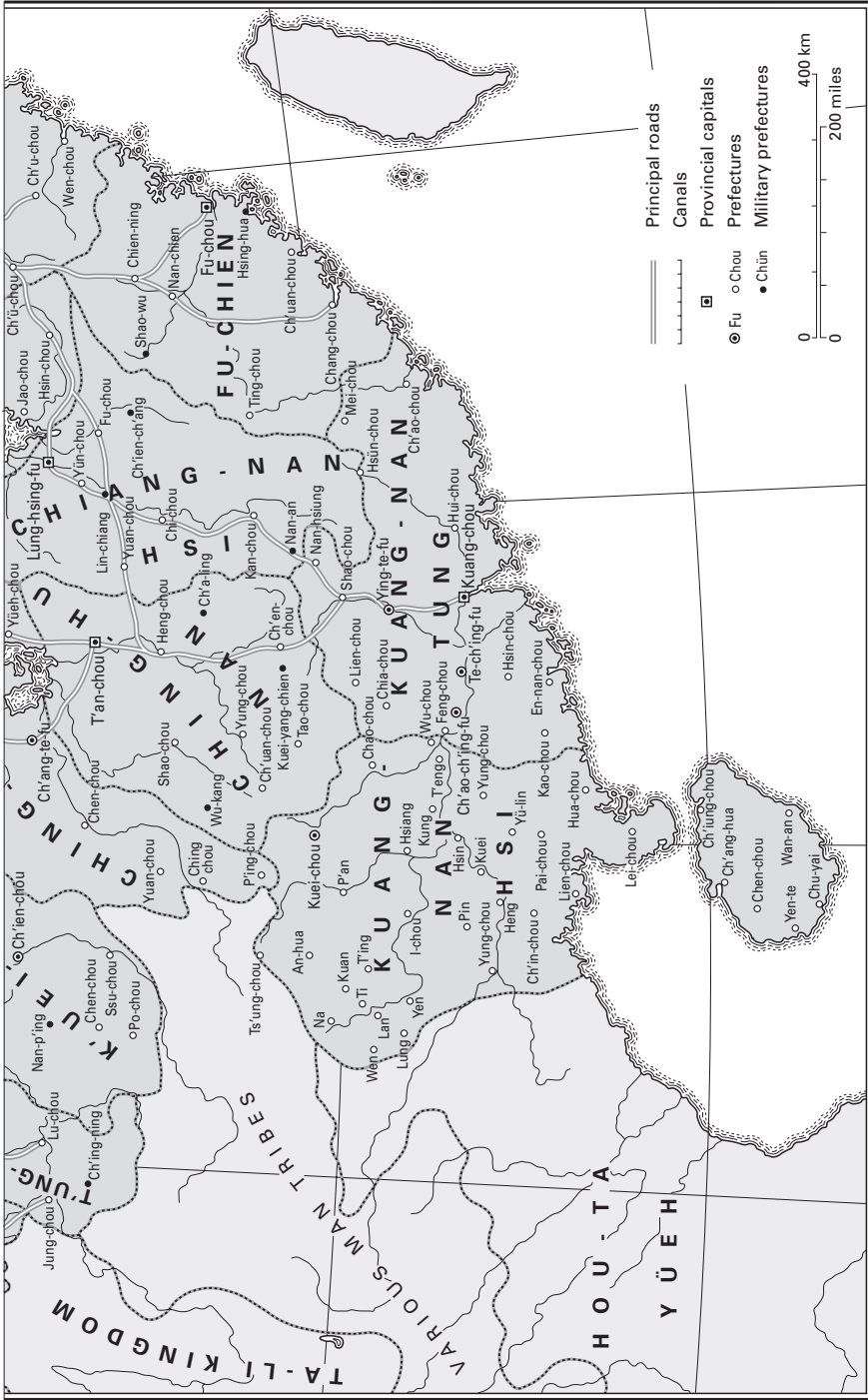
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PREFACE

This volume has been long in the making, many of its authors freshly minted Ph.D.s when recruited by Denis Twitchett in the late 1980s. Since that time sinology in general and the field of Sung history in particular have undergone several significant changes: *pinyin* has become the most widely used form of romanization; authoritative versions of key Sung texts have been made widely accessible online and through the electronic edition of the *Ssu-k'u ch'üan-shu*; and a punctuated, annotated version of the writings of most Sung authors has been issued in the 360-volume *Ch'üan Sung wen*. But the writing of the chapters in this volume predates those changes, which has influenced the conventions we have followed.

With respect to romanization, we continue *The Cambridge history of China* practice of rendering most Chinese terms and proper names (the names of persons, places, official titles, bibliographic entries, and so on) in the Wade-Giles system. Following the example of previously published volumes, we use familiar (pre-*pinyin*) forms for the names of modern provinces (yielding Kiangsi rather than Chiang-hsi or Fukien rather than Fu-chien) and principal cities (such as Peking, not Pei-ching, and Canton rather than Kuang-tung). Otherwise, all place names are in Wade-Giles, according to the standard set in Hope Wright, compiler, *Geographical names in Sung China: An alphabetical list* (Paris: École Pratique des Haute Études, 1956). For both place names and personal names, numbers are used to differentiate between homonyms, such as Chief Councilor Chang Chün and his subordinate General Chang Chün², or the prefectures of Ho-chou (in Sung Kuang-nan East circuit, modern Kwangsi province) and Ho-chou² (in Sung Hsi-ho circuit, modern Kansu province). We have sought to ensure that all places mentioned in the text can be found on one of the volume's many maps, but for fuller coverage readers should consult T'an Ch'i-hsiang, compiler, *Chung-kuo li-shih ti-t'u chi*, volume 6: *Sung-Liao-Chin shih-ch'i* (Shanghai: Ti-t'u ch'u-pan, 1982).

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varying sinological environments, multiple versions of the same work may be cited between chapters and occasionally within the same chapter. Variant editions are all listed in the Bibliography. Translations of terms and official titles are consistent across chapters, with occasional deference to contextual differences. In all matters of translation, romanization, and geographic nomenclature, we aim for a high degree of consistency between this and the companion Volume 5, Part 2. These two volumes, in conjunction with Volume 6 (*Alien regimes and border states, 907–1368*), provide a thorough survey of the history of China and its neighboring states from the tenth through the fourteenth centuries.

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ABBREVIATIONS

<i>CPPM</i>	<i>Tzu-chih t'ung-chien ch'ang-pien chi-shih pen-mo</i>
<i>CWTS</i>	<i>Chiu Wu-tai shih</i>
<i>CYYL</i>	<i>Chien-yen i-lai hsi-nien yao-lu</i>
<i>HCP</i>	<i>Hsü tzu-chih t'ung-chien ch'ang-pien</i>
<i>HTC</i>	<i>Hsü tzu-chih t'ung-chien</i>
<i>SHY</i>	<i>Sung hui-yao</i>
<i>SS</i>	<i>Sung shih</i>
<i>TCTC</i>	<i>Tzu-chih t'ung-chien</i>