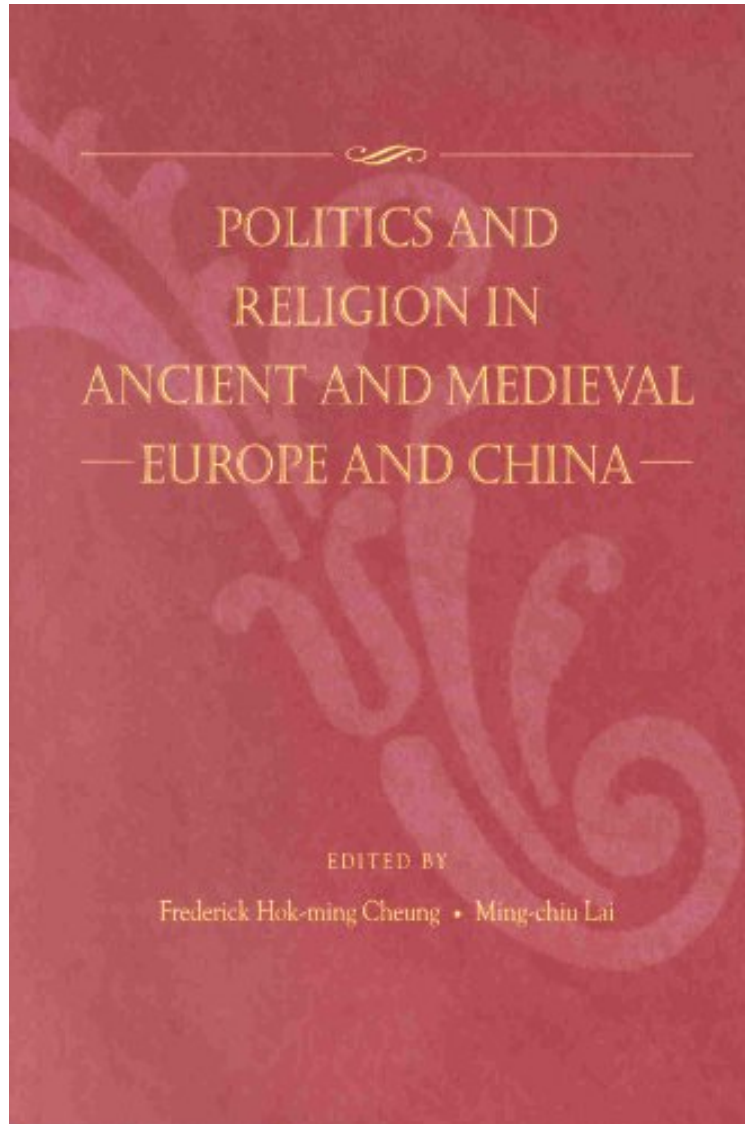


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which Dr. Kai Ho Kai lived, when HK was a British colony, when there were clear class and racial distinctions, I wish the author had explored more fully--if that were possible--the feelings of his subject. His interracial marriage in itself was unique. On the mainland China was attempting to regain sovereignty over its own affairs. I felt a sense of Dr. Kai Ho Kai's accomplishments but not of the man himself. I admire the author for bringing him to our attention.

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