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**A HISTORY
OF “WOMEN”
IN CHINA**
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In the period 1890 to 1937 Chinese new media in advanced cities published two special kinds of information, advertising images and social theory. A modern culture of consumerism began during this period. Modern social theory focused on social evolution and argued that people should live in nuclear families and select their own marriage partners. The concept of “women” appears in both the new theories and the advertising media. This talk suggests that they reinforced one another and set the stage for women's liberation and social emancipation movements, and also suggests that China's consumer culture supported the rise of the new middle class.

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