

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910672442803321
Autore	Chen Baifeng
Titolo	The underworld of Rural China : research on rural gangs on China's Jiangnan Plain and Dongting Lake Plain // Baifeng Chen ; translated by Guo Jun
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Singapore : , : Springer, , [2023] ©2023
ISBN	981-19-8710-6
Edizione	[1st ed. 2023.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (301 pages)
Disciplina	364.1066
Soggetti	Gangs Organized crime Rural crimes
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references (pages 279-287).
Nota di contenuto	Research Topic and Approach -- Acquaintance Society and Reciprocity-based Behavior Pattern (Xiangtu Luoji) -- The Rise of Gangs and Acquaintance Society -- The Renaissance of Gangs and Acquaintance Society -- Public Security System: Change and Predicament -- Rural Gangs and Public Order -- Rural Gangs and Interpersonal Relationship -- Rural Gangs and Village Governance -- Changing Behavior Pattern and the Greying Trend -- Gangs and Grassroots Governance: A Supplementary Chapter.
Sommario/riassunto	This book aims to provide the readers a better understanding of rural China through the particular perspective of the rural underworld. It proposes new concepts to describe social changes of rural China by comparing the contemporary rural society with the acquaintance society—the classic model for depicting the traditional Chinese society. The author’s down-to-earth fieldwork has revealed that, with a permeating gang influence, the society of rural China has actually changed in nature. Such change in social nature is summarized as “the estrangement of acquaintances” or “moral ambiguity”. As a result of the rural gangster’s unlawful acts of lining their pockets with national resources, rural China is going through “rural governance involution.”

In short, this book develops new models and concepts to establish a comprehensive scientific conceptual system for explaining social reality. With hard-to-come-by information and a prudent and multi-faceted analysis on a neglected topic, this book gradually reveals to the readers the true picture of rural China.
