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diplomat Lu Zhengxiang, and revolutionary Sun Yatsen-Strand demonstrates how a sea change in political performance left leaders dependent on popular support and citizens enmeshed in a political process productive of both authority and dissent.
