

“THE SOCIAL LIFE OF OPIUM IN CHINA” BY ZHENGYANWEN

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“The Social Life of Opium in China” by ZhengYanwen; is enriched source of wide range narrative on rise of opium, broad range from 1483 to late twentieth century history of opium trade and the trade route as well. The story open with the dynastic system of Ming era, when opium was one of the most appreciated gift by the vassal state. Etymologically, Opium derived from poppy, which is known to China for 12 centuries, just a stimulating agent, which has been sowed and imported for medicinal purpose mainly. Tobacco very quickly got integrated and welcomed in the smoking and tea cultures without facing any hardship of class patronage in the habit, made the way smother for opium, which was at first smoked as tobacco soaked in opium, in south East Asian continent during 17th century. We got both awareness and negative impact of Opium by introducing the smoking habits within the system. It’s difficult to say the exact time, when the opium was smoked for the first time in China, but historians they think, it was entered in to china with foreign imports; at the point when the remote imports were around 200-240 mid-sections, the head Yung Ching issued the first hostile to opium smoking dialog and in1796 opium smoking was again restricted and in 1800 the importation of outside opium was again declared it illicit.