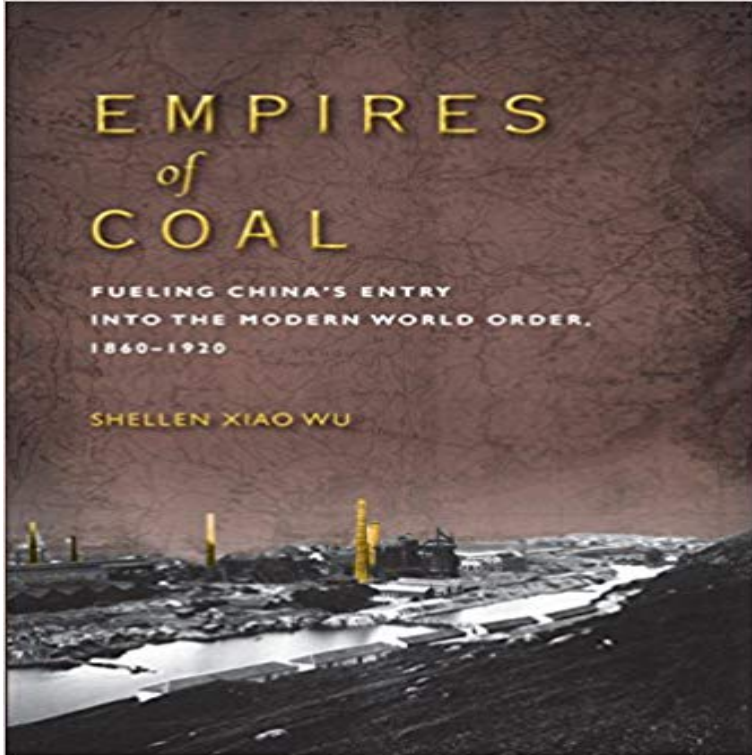


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From 1868-1872, German geologist Ferdinand von Richthofen went on an expedition to China. His reports on what he found there would transform Western interest in China from the land of porcelain and tea to a repository of immense coal reserves. By the 1890s, European and American powers and the Qing state and local elites battled for control over the rights to these valuable mineral deposits. As coal went from a useful commodity to the essential fuel of industrialization, this vast natural resource would prove integral to the struggle for political control of China. Geology served both as the handmaiden to European imperialism and the rallying point of Chinese resistance to Western encroachment. In the late nineteenth century both foreign powers and the Chinese viewed control over mineral resources as the key to modernization and industrialization. When the first China Geological Survey began work in the 1910s, conceptions of natural resources had already shifted, and the Qing state expanded its control over mining rights, setting the precedent for the subsequent Republican and Peoples Republic of China regimes. In *Empires of Coal*, Shellen Xiao Wu argues that the changes specific to the late Qing were part of global trends in the nineteenth century, when the rise of science and industrialization destabilized global systems and caused widespread unrest and the toppling of ruling regimes around the world.

Agradable ruta realizada junto al Bilbao Alpino que parte desde la localidad alavesa de Guinea, en la vertiente Sur de la sierra de Arkamo y que discurre por las cimas de Olvedo, Pelistornes y Cantoblanco.

Desde Guinea el camino es muy evidente, ya que las dos primeras cimas están muy cerca y separadas por un pequeño collado. Su subida es corta y casi directa y está señalizada justo a la salida del pueblo.

Al Olvedo se llega relativamente rápido. A pesar de que las nubes a veces nos impiden apreciar las vistas, el paisaje se intuye precioso.

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Para pasar del Olvedo al Pelistornes tan sólo tenemos que cruzar el collado y llegaremos en apenas 10 minutos a nuestra segunda cima del día.

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Una vez coronadas las cimas anteriores hay que continuar la travesía en dirección a la al Cantoblanco, que se asciende tras un durillo cortafuegos.

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Desde la cima tenemos justo en frente el Montemayor, máxima altura de la vecina sierra de Arkamo.2017-01-22_13-00-09

Finalmente, iniciamos el descenso hacia la curiosa localidad de Salinas de Añana...

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...donde podremos completar la ruta con una visita a las propias Salinas.

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Una ruta de unos 15 kilómetros sin dificultades reseñables. Únicamente se hace necesaria logística de vehículos. De no tener esta facilidad entonces es mejor realizar únicamente la subida al Olvedo y Pelistornes.

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Bueno, un nuevo año que ha pasado y uno nuevo que acaba de comenzar. 2016 fue un año muy intenso, si bien los retos que nos marcamos en un principio sólo se vieron cumplidos en una tercera parte. No fue un buen año para ellos, ésta vez la alineación de planetas se generó en pocas ocasiones.

Sin embargo, no decaemos. Cogemos el testigo y no vamos a desistir en su intento, por lo que los retos que no conseguimos cumplir en 2016 serán los que tratemos de realizar en 2017, más algunos otros, a ver qué os parecen. Seguir leyendo

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