The Coordination between Amnesties and the Administrative Law System in the Tang Dynasty

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Abstract

Amnesties appeared in China long ago, its primary function was being exempt from criminal penalty. In the Tang Dynasty, the rectifying regulations appeared and extended, the amnesties accordingly were provided with the more function of government affair management besides its fundamental function. As a result, the relationship between the amnesties and administration law systems grew closer, and how to coordinate them became more critical, especially in the later Tang Dynasty. In the former Tang Dynasty, regulations of amnesties were still mainly enacted with form of *Ge* （格）, and then were generally cited independently and became a sort of special decree paralleling with *Ling*（令）, *Ge* （格）, *Shi* （式）, *Chi*（敕）, etc. Despite their particular issuance occasion, regulations of amnesties were put into effect in accordance with the latest edits, from which the contemporary government's rational action was reflected.

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