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at the society with the largest population on earth in order to explore long term change and continuity the book examines china from pre revolutionary times to today s rapidly modernising society although the focus is on recent change particular attention is paid to china s cultural traditions and hierarchical relationships in familial and wider social settings and their fate in the modern world successive chapters investigate changes in the relations of rural and urban sectors of society in the structure of families in political and economic power in cultural hegemony education and the media and in patterns of social inequality a final chapter asks whether chinese society is becoming more complex and differentiated in the course of modernisation and considers recent debates on the growth of civil society and democratisation this book will be indispensable for anyone studying chinese society asian societies and comparative sociology

this second edition of understanding chinese society provides a comprehensive readable and well grounded introduction to the key issues affecting contemporary china a thorough analysis is undertaken not only of china s family patterns education system status hierarchy and ethnic diversity but also of china s mass media legal system and social control work and cultural expression as well as being thoroughly updated and revised throughout this edition offers new chapters on urbanization the environment and civil society in china a team of international experts guide students though social issues including what are the key features of the family and marriage institutions in china how are women and men faring differently in chinese society today how are minorities faring in china how does the education system differentiate chinese society how are religion and cultural traditions expressed including handy pedagogical features such as a chronology of the people s republic of china further reading suggestions and related novels and films understanding chinese society is suitable for anyone studying chinese culture and society chinese studies and asian sociology

before 1978 china was backward economically politically diplomatically and was extremely isolated the country had a few diplomatic allies like north korea russia and vietnam however in the past three decades the country has witnessed robust changes that have aroused the interest of the westerners in knowing more about the country this book provides first hand information on china s social changes and economic transformation it enables readers to understand the chinese society vividly dynamically and practically it examines various facets of the chinese society ranging from famous landmarks popular customs festivals food daily chores etc the book also offers tips for those

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in china s future social development there is likely to be an interest in society building with interactions between top down and bottom up approaches along with a deepened level of social reform and the construction of a harmonious or symbiotic society this represents one of china s social development models and is reflected in the communist party of china cpc and state policy the term society building was proposed by chinese thinkers nearly a century ago and was used by chinese sociologists to study chinese society since the 1930s in the 21st century society building has been used as an interdisciplinary concept by chinese social scientists the main concern of china for its future social development is to enhance its people s wellbeing and encourage them to build chinese society in innovative and creative ways this volume showcases the latest research of non chinese scholars relating to this indigenous concept and to china s social development in a global context it tackles the following topics the assessment of the social impact of infrastructure projects china s reforms and its changing political system whether or not the singapore model is suitable for china to follow soft power through education and boundaries cosmopolitanisms and spaces in chinese and international cities the book will be of interest to academics professionals practitioners university students and the general public seeking a comprehensive understanding of china society building a china model of social development is the second volume in the understanding china and the world series edited by the late chinese sociologist zheng hangsheng 1936 2014 and british chinese scholar xiangqun chang both the title of the volume and book series deliberately reflect a new perspective on china putting china in the context of globalization and inspiring comparative studies that enable non chinese to understand china and the world about the book series and background this book was first published in 2014 by cambridge scholars publishing csp five new pieces have been added to this new edition and many changes in other 3 pieces it is published by the uk based global china press gcp and new world press nwp gcp is the first publisher specializing in dual language publications that focus on chinese perspectives of the world and human knowledge and non chinese perspectives of china in a global context nwp was founded in 1951 and is a member of the china international publishing group cipg it publishes multilingual books on social sciences literature management and other disciplines that serve to introduce china to the world as early as the 1980s nwp published the china study series in english covering china s economy politics ethnicity population history sociology and anthropology and including fei xiaotong s toward a people s anthropology 1981 chinese village close up 1982 and small towns in china 1986 nwp is republishing the china study series jointly with gcp supplemented by new

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reclaiming chinese society analyses the mechanisms processes and actors producing a wide spectrum of social and cultural changes in reform china contrary to most literature that emphasizes economic and political processes at the expense of chinese society this volume argues for the centrality of the social in understanding chinese development each of the eleven chapters addresses one type of grassroots activism covering feminist activism civic environmentalism religious revival violence film media intellectuals housing citizenship and deprivation the wide range of research styles used in this collection including ethnography regional comparison quantitative and statistical analysis interviews textual and content analysis offers students a methodologically rich vista to china studies written by subject experts and covering all aspects of chinese society this book offers an authoritative overview of chinese society it is an invaluable resource for courses on chinese society and culture and will be of interest to students and scholars in chinese and asian studies

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using empirical research data and his first hand experiences the author argues that 1 the fourth economic power is truly emerging with mainland china being the center stage and the chinese diaspora being the key players 2 understanding guanxi connections among other things represents the key to understanding doing business in china 3 china is not yet ready for democracy benevolent authoritarianism will most likely define china s political life 4 china s corruption problem either of a structural nature or a moral nature is solvable 5 education holds china s future and 6 chinese family can be the most sustainable resource of the fourth power

chen he and yan present a range of applications of multiple source big data to core areas of contemporary sociology demonstrating how a theory guided approach to macrosociology can help to understand social change in china especially where traditional approaches are limited by constrained and biased data in each chapter of the book the authors highlight an application of theory guided macrosociology that has the potential to reinvigorate an ambitious

open minded and bold approach to sociological research these include social stratification social networks medical care and online behaviours among many others this research approach focuses on macro level social process and phenomena by using quantitative models to statistically test for associations and causalities suggested by a clearly hypothesised social theory by deploying theory oriented macrosociology where it can best assure macro level robustness and reliability big data applications can be more relevant to and guided by social theory an essential read for sociologists with an interest in quantitative and macro scale research methods which also provides fascinating insights into chinese society as a demonstration of the utility of its methodology

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china is quickly proving to be an important global player acknowledging its inevitable growth understanding china has become as important as ever over the last decade we have witnessed chinese businesses expand outside the country s borders and how china s influence is spreading around the globe this might leave some wondering is china s success due to deng xiaoping s opening up policy or is there something else that can be credited in this book stefan piech takes the reader on a journey through china s history present and future to answer this exact question while chinese society is now infused with innovation and dynamism america has seen the foundations of its economic model shake after the 2008 financial crisis with the global rise of china the us is now facing a political challenge that it has never seen before as a consequence of this politicians and business leaders all around the world have an increased interest in understanding china at the end of the day it seems possible that china will replace the united states as the world s dominant power in doing so it will not become more western but the world will become more chinese consequently it is important for us to understand this rising power not through western terms but through its own unique history and culture probably in 2035 we will pass that mantle on to china it will be the biggest economy in the world and it will go way past us and way past india given the growth the size the opportunities i don t think there s any other place in the world that can match it david rubenstein

a practical and accessible guide to an ancient but rapidly changing culture now revised and updated perfect for business pleasure or armchair travelers china a to z explains the customs culture and etiquette essential for any trip or for anyone wanting to understand this complex country in one hundred brief reader friendly essays alphabetized by subject this fully revised and updated edition provides a crash course in the etiquette and politics of contemporary china as well as the nation s geography and venerable history in it readers will discover how the recently selected president and his advisors approach global relations why china is considered the fastest growing market for fashion and luxury goods what you should bring when visiting a chinese household what s hot in chinese art how recent scandals impact chinese society from architecture and body language to confucianism and feng shui china a to z offers accessible and authoritative information about china

the title is a collection of essays centering on the topic of intercultural communication between chinese and western cultures by tang yijie one of the most renowned philosophy scholars in china comprised of five parts the author discusses how chinese culture should modernize itself through borrowing from western culture premised on a self awareness of chinese culture per se the book begins by critiquing theories of the so called clash of civilizations and new empires and argues for the coexistence of cultures and a global consciousness instead chapters in the second part revisit contemporary chinese culture in transition and call for the cultural integration of china and the west with china defined in both its ancient and modern guises by providing reflections on the cultural trends of the 1980s and 1990s the third part illustrates the inevitable growth of diversified cultural development while analyzing cases of cultural dialogue in history philosophy and religion the fourth part demonstrates the significance of culture diversity and interaction while the fifth provides thoughts and reflections on some real life cultural issues this title will appeal to all levels of readers interested in chinese culture cross cultural studies and topics of cultural pluralism

during the eighteenth century china s new manchu rulers consolidated their control of the largest empire china had ever known in this book susan naquin and evelyn s rawski draw on the most recent research to provide a unique overview and reevaluation of the social history of china during this period one of the most dynamic periods in china s early modern era a lucid original and scholarly summary of the social economic and demographic history of china s last great period of glory this will be an important book for students of chinese history jonathan spence yale university engaging complex and elegantly written absorbing and valuable a thorough unique and richly detailed account of the

social forms and cultural and religious life of the people choice an interesting and well informed survey of china between about 1680 and 1820 w j f jenner asian affairs i would be a very odd scholar or general reader who could not derive profit from reading this elegant and painstaking survey of the social cultural and economic life of the qing empire in its apparent prime a superb survey which readers may absorb and cherish alexander woodside pacific affairs a highly readable synthesis of recent secondary literature on the subject william s atwell journal of asian studies their coverage is comprehensive and their writing is clear and lucid reading this book obtains one a very broad yet penetrative view of chinese society at the time alan p l liu asian thought society the ground covered by this book is vast its very breadth conveys with great clarity the extent of current knowledge of premodern china it also serves as an excellent introduction to the social history of the qing dynasty hugh d r baker china quarterly this is a most challenging work and ambitious work chinese society in the eighteenth century give both the general reader and also the historian who does not study china a tool for grounding himself or herself in the basic patterns and trends that could be found in eighteenth century china as well as in the problems the specialists are now exploring the book is also of great value to students of traditional and modern china for it serves to synthesize much of the new literature on china in the high qing thus it serves the china hand as a state of the field essay that shows just where we are even as it suggests directions for future research murray a rubinstein american asian review this excellent book provides an intelligent summary our rapidly changing understanding of chinese society in a crucial century of political stability and economic and demographic expansion susan naquin and evelyn s rawski are distinguished contributors to the field energetically engaged in its multinational communication networks john e wills jr american historical review

succinct study of chinese society and history ranging from ancient times and concluding with an objective appraisal of chinese communism

this book focuses on the influence of social media on chinese society the respective chapters present research by top tier communication scholars from prominent chinese universities and offer revealing findings on the interplay between media social media economics and politics to that end both qualitative and quantitative methods based on classical theories of communication and economics are drawn upon the book explores four main areas the challenges and opportunities for chinese journalism and communications changes in chinese economic development influences and forecasts for chinese politics and the impacts on chinese culture as the chapter contributors hail from diverse

regions within China and represent three generations of communication scholars the book offers a comprehensive guide helping readers understand the impact of social media on China's development from a broad range of perspectives and sharing insights on its impacts around the world

a lucid and fascinating work about Chinese society and values Fei's account of how China differs from the West is every bit as telling now as it was when this book was first published almost half a century ago Orville Schell what are the fundamental characteristics of Chinese society and how does it differ from the West in from the soil China's foremost sociologist offered his insights based on fieldwork in China and residence in the West into this fascinating question vivid and clearly written it has long been a classic of Chinese sociology widely read by Chinese it is wonderful finally to have it available in English David Arkush University of Iowa

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