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this book provides a

comprehensive and objective introduction to china s democracy from both historical and world dimensions progressively telling why china has such a democracy what kind of democracy that china has and why china s democratic model has become more and more important it also clarifies the historical basis and realistic orientation of chinese democracy and the characteristics and advantages of chinese democracy

this book argues that democracy is the inevitable product of china s industrialization and modernization and is necessary for the development of china s current society it provides a political guarantee for china s industrialization and modernization there are both similarities and differences between china s version of democracy and those versions of other countries in this book the author discusses the country s important experiences in constructing democracy with chinese characteristics which it has gathered during the long struggle for national independence prosperity and social development the democracy system embodies basic values and universal principles of democracy with uniquely chinese characteristics

this weighty monograph offers a thoughtful assessment of one of globally raising china s most profound political issues democratization since the 1989 tiananmen incident not exactly a looking back retrospective nor a typical commemorative work this book harbors a more forward prospecting approach with 13 substantive chapters yielding informed analysis and insightful interpretations of various key issues the core subjects range from legal foundation of chinese democracy middle class politics internet based democratization debates and pro democratic mobilizations civic society activism to the external and international media s inputs democracy and china s ethnic minorities and prc vatican interface published by city university of hong kong press

authored by professor yu keping a famous chinese political scholar this book focuses on the core issues of democracy and the rule of law in china it provides the readers with insights into china s political development in the past 60 years and the changes in china s governance in the past 30 years especially pertaining to democracy in china s governance the book encapsulates prof yu s reform ideas on political development in china and gives the readers a glimpse into the future of china s democracy

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china s dramatic economic growth in the last two decades of the last century and the prospect of its rise as a great power in this new one have greatly increased its weight and importance in world affairs consequently the progress or lack of progress of china s transition to democracy has become a central concern of the international community this timely collection brings together many well known scholars to systematically explore china s current government and assess that transition toward democracy the contributors seek to bridge the gap between normative theories of democracy and empirical studies of china's political development by providing a comprehensive overview of china s domestic history economy and public political ideologies overall the volume contends that chinese culture and confucianism are not the obstacles to democratic transition that some scholars have said they are and that the success of market reforms has eroded authoritarian rule this weakening does not guarantee a successful transition however and the contributors show that there are many reasons to be skeptical about the short term prospects for democracy in china including historical failures the underdevelopment of civil society political apathy and competing social values though china s political culture is essentially neither anti democratic not pro democratic it must still overcome many obstacles in order to achieve democracy

predictions of the coming collapse of chinese politics are today commonplace however this thought provoking book explores a radically different alternative china it argues is a one party dominated political system whose surprising levels of public support and resilience in the face of serious economic environmental and social problems suggest that it is more durable than most outside observers suppose china is not an ailing autocracy a case of crony capitalism or a blindly repressive authoritarian regime the rulers of china are in fact experimenting with a wide range of locally made democratic tools designed to win the trust and loyalty of their subjects examples probed in this book include the injection of accountability mechanisms into state bureaucracy the toleration of independent public opinion leaders the growing reliance of party officials and corporate executives on public opinion polls and democratic style and the calculated use by party officials of digitally networked media as early warning devices written for students and teachers researchers and general

readers fascinated by the rising global power of china when trees fall monkeys scatter shows why locally made democratic practices often favour one party rule and why china is becoming a globally significant political laboratory a 21st century testing ground for a new type of top down popular government at odds with power sharing democracy as it was known during the past generation

this landmark volume deals with such essential questions as what points of departure or resources can be identified in chinese history and culture for what we call democracy what are and have been their potential for development in a modern china confronted with powerful western influences are there any connections between imperial china s strong legal tradition and the prc s current endeavour to restore the rule of law in a context of legal globalization in which china itself is an important participant how serious or superficial should the political opening which started in the 1980s be regarded and the discourse on human rights currently heard in official circles and finally how relevant is taiwan s experiment with democratic institutions in this rich and inspiring volume foremost french scholars carefully clarify the process of political and legal change convincingly showing that these questions cannot be answered without a proper understanding of centuries of chinese juridical philosophical religious and political thought ouvrage publié avec le soutien du centre national du livre published with financial support by the centre national du livre

this book includes collective research by the institute of political science of the chinese academy of social sciences which is an important research institution of political science and a think tank in china the book was completed by the expert team of china s political system headed by director fang ning for several years and after several changes in their manuscripts this book covers the core political systems of china such as the leadership system of the communist party of china the decision making system of the party and government in chinese politics the system of the people's congress the relationship between the central and local authorities the system of officials training and selection the system of discipline inspection and supervision the system of consultative democracy and the system of community level self governance etc this book aims to build a new paradigm of empirical research and introduction of the contemporary chinese political system by using the description and research method of materialization and dynamics of the political system

a highly original and convincing book by one of our best informed china specialists offering an entirely new perspective on the nature of democracy as the chinese practice it and incidentally as we practice it too what do the chinese mean by the word democracy when they say that their political system is democratic does this mean that they share our ideas about liberty civil rights and self government with the recent improvement in relations between china and the west such questions are no longer merely academic they are basic to an understanding of the chinese people and their state both now and in the future in chinese democracy andrew j nathan tackles these in issues in depth drawing upon much fresh and unfamiliar material he begins with a vivid history of the short lived democracy movement of 1978 81 where groups of young people in a number of chinese cities started issuing outspoken publications and putting up posters detailing their complaints and opinions apparently condoned at first by the post mao regime the movement flourished then it was crushed its leaders tried and jailed with quotes from many of the participants and their works nathan constructs for the first time a poignant picture of the burst of liberal activity at the same time showing how distinctly chinese it was and how the roots of its failure lay as much in history as in current political necessity to demonstrate this nathan investigates the nature of the democratic tradition in china tracing it back to the close of the imperial era at the end of the nineteenth century and the works of liang gichao the country s most brilliant journalist and most influential modern political thinker we see how liang deeply influenced mao zedong and how conflicts between party dictatorship and popular participation between bureaucratic authority and individual rights between mao s harsh version of democracy and deng xiaoping s more liberal one remain to this day unresolved and potentially dangerous for example as nathan shows there was apparently a serious move toward liberalization projected on the highest government levels in the years after mao s death yet the move failed in a tour de force of scholarship nathan shows through an extended study of the many chinese constitutions put force since the 1911 revolution that individual rights have always been forced to give away to the needs and ambitions of the state democracy in china has traditionally been admired mainly for what it can help accomplish not for any human rights it may embody finally making use of scores of interviews with émigrés from the mainland the author analyzes the extraordinary role played by the press in forming public attitudes in china and then goes on to show what happened in 1980 when the authorities for the first time conducted direct elections to the county level people s congresses it was a splendid shambles much of this story has never been told before

the book expounds on the role played by democracy in china s revolution and modernization led by the communist party of china cpc and how the cpc in both its party building and state building has constantly sought to leverage democracy s positive functions while avoiding its shortcomings special attention is paid to reconstructing and explaining the historical contexts from which the party s theoretical innovations have emerged thus offering readers insights into the inner political logic that has shaped china s development the author a member of the party s senior policy panel offers a perceptive analysis of the modernization of the country and its governing capacity and provides a clear assessment of how democracy in china has developed with the times always bearing the big picture in mind the author has not shied away from some of the more controversial parts of china s recent history and his deep understanding of relevant party documents and historical facts give strong support to his analyses he concludes that that the party is central to leading the nation to explore its path of socialism with chinese characteristics and that the country has always emerged stronger after setbacks

in its propaganda the chinese communist party does not deny the value of democracy but it insists that democracy in china can be only socialist democracy with chinese characteristics the most essential nature of such democracy is that it is under the single party system and it excludes multi party politics and competitive elections in recent years chinese democracy has won more support because of achievements the party has made in developing economy this raises a question does this efficient authoritarian political system in china even if it is not democratic deserve applause because it can facilitate economic development the party also insists that it is democratic but is the party s theory of democracy compatible with western democracy since 1998 the party has organized some political reforms such as direct elections for township executives direct elections for township party secretaries township party congress reform and deliberative democracy experiments while maintaining single party politics in the party s propaganda some of these reforms have become party achievements in improving socialist democracy with chinese characteristics in addition to these four kinds of party organized reforms another

reform originated from the grassroots the participation of independent candidates in a few local people s congress elections this book examines these five local political reforms it demonstrates that the four reforms instigated and organized by the party were tightly controlled and manipulated by the party although some reform measures may possibly liberalize parts of china s political mechanism it is highly unlikely that the four reforms will eventually lead to political democratization in china in the fifth reform which was motivated from outside the bureaucratic system the party took drastic measures to repress the political participation of grassroots power as a result nearly all independent candidates in the local people s congress elections failed in their attempts to gain office the prospects for this reform are also poor the book argues that all five reforms have failed and that none will lead to china s democratization in the near future the book concludes that the party s authoritarian regime in china is by nature anti democratic and that so called socialist democracy with chinese characteristics is not democratic

a leading scholar of china s modern political development examines the changing relationship between the chinese people and the state correcting the conventional view of china as having instituted extraordinary economic changes but having experienced few political reforms in the post mao period merle goldman details efforts by individuals and groups to assert their political rights china s move to the market and opening to the outside world have loosened party controls over everyday life and led to the emergence of ideological diversity starting in the 1980s multi candidate elections for local officials were held and term limits were introduced for communist party leaders establishment intellectuals who have broken away from party patronage have openly criticized government policies those intellectuals outside the party structures because of their participation in the cultural revolution or the 1989 tiananmen square demonstrations have organized petitions published independent critiques formed independent groups and even called for a new political system despite the party s repeated attempts to suppress these efforts awareness about political rights has been spreading among the general population goldman emphasizes that these changes do not guarantee movement toward democracy but she sees them as significant and genuine advances in the assertion of political rights in china

arguing against conventional wisdom this important book makes a compelling case for the continuing strength of china s one party system many analysts have predicted that china s unprecedented economic development and middle class expansion would lead to a liberalization of its political regime and a move toward democracy instead leading scholar jean pierre cabestan contends that the chinese communist party will continue to adapt and prosper in the coming decades representing a growing challenge to all democracies influenced by china s traditional culture and even more so by the regime s soviet ideology institutions and modus operandi most chinese are not pushing for democracy choosing security stability and prosperity over political freedoms and participation

democracy and the rule of law in china is intended to make available to english language readers debates among prominent chinese intellectuals and academics over issues of political constitutional and legal reform modes of governance in urban and rural china and culture and cultural policy china s unprecedented economic development following the implementation of the reform and opening policy has drawn widespread international attention yet accompanying political developments have been largely overlooked a compilation of the works of twelve contemporary chinese scholars this book offers unique insights into the wealth of viewpoints and diversity of issues influencing and defining the development of democracy and the rule of law in china based on theoretical and practical analyses of china s political development to date the authors propose specific models for the expansion of democratic mechanisms already present in the current political structure exploring topics ranging from autonomous village governance and grassroots elections to constitutional reform and judicial independence the authors are unified on one point china s political development must pursue a gradual distinctly chinese course in order to promote social stability continued economic advancement and the establishment of a socialist democratic society

close attention to the writings of the founding fathers of the republic of china on taiwan shows that democracy is indeed compatible with chinese culture conceptions of chinese democracy provides a coherent and critical introduction to the democratic thought of three fathers of modern taiwan sun yat sen chiang kai shek and chiang ching kuo in a way that is accessible and grounded in broader traditions of political

theory david j lorenzo s comparative study allows the reader to understand the leaders democratic conceptions and highlights important contradictions strengths and weaknesses that are central to any discussion of chinese culture and democratic theory lorenzo further considers the influence of their writings on political theorists democracy advocates and activists on mainland china students of political science and theory democratization and chinese culture and history will benefit from the book s substantive discussions of democracy and scholars and specialists will appreciate the larger arguments about the influence of these ideas and their transmission through time

this book takes a close look at major issues about china s democratisation highlighting main barriers to democratisation and providing key angles to understanding china s great difficulties in making democratic progress the author examines the possible linkages between elite class and regime transition in china and maintains that china s democratic development needs to be understood in the context of state society relations all the while emphasising that class power is playing an increasingly significant role in china s elite politics and the people s struggle for democracy

han minzhu and her assistant editor hua sheng both writing under pseudonyms to protect their identities present a rich collection of translations of original writings and speeches from the 1989 chinese democracy movement flyers posters handbills poems articles from underground newspapers and transcripts of tapes 30 illustrations

a respected chinese political philosopher calls for the communist party to take the lead in moving china along the path to democracy before it is too late with xi jinping potentially set as president for life china s move toward political democracy may appear stalled but jiwei ci argues that four decades of reform have created a mentality in the chinese people that is just waiting for the political system to catch up resulting in a disjunction between popular expectations and political realities the inherent tensions in a largely democratic society without a democratic political system will trigger an unprecedented crisis of legitimacy forcing the communist party to act or die two crises loom for the government first is the waning of the communist party s revolutionary legacy which the party itself sees as a grave threat second is the fragility of the next leadership transition no amount of economic success will compensate for

the party s legitimacy deficit when the time comes the only effective response ci argues will be an orderly transition to democracy to that end the chinese government needs to start priming its citizens for democracy preparing them for new civil rights and civic responsibilities embracing this pragmatic role offers the communist party a chance to survive its leaders therefore have good reason to initiate democratic change sure to challenge the communist party and stir debate democracy in china brings an original and important voice to an issue with far reaching consequences for china and the world

edmund fung examines an important phase of development in china s long quest for democracy the momentum for democracy he contends grew strongest between 1929 and 1949 through civil opposition to the one party rule of the guomindang the nationalist era contained the germs of a reformist liberal order the legacy of which can be seen in the pro democracy movement of the post mao period this book fills an important gap in the historical literature on chinese intellectuals between may fourth radicalism and the chinese communists accession to power

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