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The China Center is an interdepartmental and multidisciplinary Research Centre of the University of Macerata, founded in 2012 within the initiatives of the Department of Law.



"2023 marks the 10th anniversary of the China Centre, which we are very proud of. 10 years of research projects, cooperation initiatives, training and public engagement across Europe and China.

We have grown thanks to the passion and dedication of many colleagues, entrepreneurs and experts.

We are happy to launch this newsletter as well as a rich calendar of activities for our community."

- Francesca Spigarelli, Director China Center

Scientific Articles

Chinese Public Opinion about US-China Relations from Trump to Biden

Written by Songying Fang, Xiaojun Li, Adam Y Liu, published online on 14/03/2022

Recent surveys have shown that Americans hold negative views towards China, but little is known about

Chinese views of the US and the bilateral relationship. As both countries' leaders face public pressure regarding their policies towards one another, it is crucial to understand this dynamic. This study analyzes how concerns about political legitimacy may affect public opinion's role in authoritarian countries' foreign policy making. Survey results from two different periods, pre and post the 2020 US presidential election, indicate that Chinese views of the US dropped during the Trump administration but improved somewhat after Biden took office. Most Chinese respondents believed their country to be the world's largest and favored China becoming the world's leading power either alone or with the US. However, younger and more educated respondents had more negative views, which were tempered by personal experiences and connections with the US. The study's findings hold important policy implications.

Persistence of land reallocations in Chinese villages: The role of village democracy and households' knowledge of policy

Written by Guangcheng Ren, Xueqin Zhu, Nico Heerink, Shuyi Feng, Ekko C. van Ierland, published online on July 2022

This paper explores the reasons behind land reallocations that have been occurring in rural China despite restrictions imposed since 1998. The authors suggest that village self-governance rules, including the election of village leaders and knowledge of relevant policies, have a significant impact on the implementation of national laws and regulations. Through data collected from 124 villages across four provinces in 2015 and 2016, the research indicates that both village democracy and households' knowledge of the Rural Land Contract Law (RLCL) positively influence the occurrence of land reallocations.

News from China



Xi says dialogue only viable way out for Ukraine crisis

Posted by the The State Council of the PRC on 26/03/2023

Chinese President Xi Jinping spoke with his Ukrainian counterpart, Volodymyr Zelensky, about the Ukraine crisis and emphasized the importance of dialogue and negotiations as the only viable solution. China will send a special representative to visit Ukraine and other countries to conduct communication with all parties on the political settlement of the crisis. Xi also expressed China's willingness to develop its relations with Ukraine and to work with the country to push forward mutually beneficial

cooperation. On the nuclear issue, Xi called for all relevant parties to stay calm and exercise restraint. China has sent multiple batches of humanitarian assistance to Ukraine and will continue to facilitate talks for peace and make efforts for early ceasefire and restoration of peace.

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China's innovation system and the localization dilemma

Posted by MERICS on 21/04/2023

On 21st April, the European Chamber, in partnership with the Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS), published “China’s Innovation Ecosystem: The Localisation Dilemma”. Based on a member survey and in-depth interviews, the report highlights that the complexity of China’s business environment is necessitating a wide range of R&D strategies to be deployed by European companies.

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Notice for China-bound Travelers

Posted by Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ireland on 25/04/2023

International airline passengers entering China can now use an antigen rapid test instead of a PCR test. Airline companies will no longer check test results before boarding.

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Upcoming Events



11th May 2023 | **11 am - 1 pm**
Villa Lauri,
Viale dell'Indipendenza 99,
Macerata, 62100

Community Participation in World Heritage Sites

Methods and comparative analysis with the People's Republic of China

Abstract

The UNESCO 1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage emphasizes the importance of Communities in implementing the Convention. This research will create a framework for the participation processes and the methodology to assess them. It also provides a comparative analysis with the People's Republic of China to investigate similarities and differences in the participation of communities. The final objective is to identify strategies to improve local communities' participation in implementing the 1972 Convention in Italy.

The discussion will focus on concept mapping in Designing Qualitative Research as a methodological strategy.



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