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Articles, news and events on China.

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"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

[The Chinese Conception of Cybersecurity: A Conceptual, Institutional and Regulatory Genealogy](#)

Written by Rogier Creemers, published online on 30/03/2023

The article discusses the Chinese government's definition of cybersecurity and its evolution over time. It

highlights that China's understanding of cybersecurity differs from the Western perspective and is influenced by its unique political, economic, and technological context. The paper examines Chinese government documents to explore how digital security concerns have been identified by different generations of Chinese leaders and how institutional, regulatory, and policy measures have been implemented to address these concerns.

Towards a Green Nationalism with Chinese Characteristics?

Written by Virginie Arantes, published online on 30 /03/2023

The paper investigates the concept of green nationalism in China's authoritarian context, where the ruling CCP employs ecological civilization rhetoric to emphasize environmental protection and enhance global standing. The authors argue that the CCP's performance legitimacy is closely tied to its ability to address environmental concerns amidst climate change, making the development of green nationalism a strategic choice for maintaining legitimacy. However, the paper also recognizes the role of social entrepreneurs, academics, and environmental NGOs in promoting green nationalism from the grassroots level. By employing constructivist political theory, the study explores how the convergence of diverse green narratives at different levels can reshape the nation and assert claims to legitimacy. In summary, the paper contributes to theoretical understanding by providing a framework to comprehend the intricate relationship between environmental preservation, nationalism, and authoritarian politics in China.

News from China



Beijing rebukes Japan, Britain over 'anti-China' G7 summit

Written by Liz Lee and Satoshi Sugiyama, posted by REUTERS on 22/05/2023

China's state-backed Global Times labeled the G7 summit an "anti-China workshop" in response to statements issued by the group that singled out China on various issues, including Taiwan, nuclear arms, economic coercion, and human rights abuses. The editorial accused the United States of pushing for an anti-China alliance among Western countries and criticized the G7's interference in China's internal affairs. China's foreign ministry expressed firm opposition to the G7 statement and summoned Japan's

ambassador in protest. Russia, a close ally of China, also criticized the summit for promoting anti-Russian and anti-Chinese sentiment.

The G7's focus on China in its communiqué, mentioning China 20 times, signifies growing tensions between China and the group of rich nations. Despite Beijing's strong reaction, U.S. President Joe Biden expressed expectations of a thaw in relations with China. However, analysts predict that tensions will likely increase further, given Beijing's swift and sharp response. China's summoning of Japan's ambassador underscored the intensity of its anger, particularly regarding Japan's involvement in the G7's criticism of China. The G7's focus on Taiwan and nuclear disarmament raised concerns for China, and Japan was singled out as being provocative in its actions. Tokyo has voiced strong concerns about China's rhetoric on Taiwan and has been actively involved in addressing these issues at the G7 summit.

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China raises basic retiree pensions by up to 3.8% to better cope with aging society

Written by Yin Yeping, posted by Global Times on

22 /05/2023

China has raised the basic monthly pension for retirees by up to 3.8 percent compared to the previous year. This increase is part of the government's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for retirees in the face of an aging society. To ensure fair distribution, incentive mechanisms are being implemented, such as



rewarding longer payment periods with higher payouts. Each region has the autonomy to determine its own adjustment ratio within the national limit. Pensions can also be adjusted favorably for elderly and remote retirees. Practical measures are urged to manage the pension fund's income and expenditure and ensure timely and full payment. China has a significant elderly population, and as the working-age population declines, the social pension service system faces greater demands.

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Lonely Planet: Imperial China, by Xu Xike

Written by James Carter, posted by The China Project on 24/05/2023

Xu Xike was China's first, most popular, and most prolific travel writer. He visited 16 modern provinces over more than three decades, and the observations he left behind, from the scientific to the mundane, provide us with a comprehensive guide to 17th-century China.

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Upcoming Events



6th
June
2023

11 am - 1 pm
Villa Lauri,
Viale dell'Indipendenza 99
Macerata, 62100

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More details

The **Summer School on Western Culture and Civilization** will be held from July 3rd to July 16th, 2023 and the application deadline is 20th June 2023. [More details](#)

On July the 5th the **China Center** will celebrate its **10 years Anniversary**. Stay tuned!

After two years of online activities and webinars, the international conference **China Goes Global** returns in person in Bologna in July 2023.

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