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- Francesca Spigarelli, Director China Center

Scientific Articles

[Book Review: Transnational Sites of China's Cultural Diplomacy: Central Asia, Southeast Asia, Middle East and Europe Compared](#)

Written by Anton O Clark, published online on 25/01/2021

The book review discusses the significance of Transnational Sites of China's Cultural Diplomacy edited by Jarmila Ptáčková, Ondřej Klimeš, and Gary Rawnsley. The review emphasizes the book's focus on a transnational approach to the study of Chinese cultural diplomacy, which advocates for analyzing various sites or localities separately to understand the complex forces involved in shaping a state's cultural diplomacy. The review highlights the nine chapters in the book that demonstrate how different sites influence China's cultural diplomacy and how the country adapts to local circumstances. The review concludes that the book is an essential contribution to the study of policy, cultural diplomacy, and our future understanding of the PRC's ability to influence global opinion.

Impact of Transport Infrastructure on Living Standards: Evidence from the Chinese Provinces Directly Affected by the "One Belt, One Road" Initiative

Written by Gwang-Nam Rim and Chol-Ju An, published online on 02/08/2022

The paper analyzes the impact of transport infrastructure on living standards in Chinese provinces affected by the "One Belt, One Road" initiative. The study uses data from 2008 to 2017 and applies descriptive statistics, correlation, and regression for analysis. The results show that the development of transport infrastructure does not proportionally improve living standards, nor does it significantly reduce the gap between urban and rural areas. However, it has a more significant impact on living standards in coastal provinces than inland provinces. The paper suggests that future measures to develop transport infrastructure could contribute to enhancing living standards, but investment management and other factors affecting living standards should also be considered.

News from China



Photovoltaic industry to get further policy boost

Written by Liu Yukun, posted by The State Council of the

People's Republic of China on 24/02/2023

China is set to introduce more supportive policies to promote the use of solar power and encourage the growth of the photovoltaic industry. The National Energy Administration (NEA) will work with the Ministry of Natural Resources to

promote policies around solar power use on land and in forests, and optimize power storage facilities to maximize the use of renewable energies. The country is predicted to see a record growth in photovoltaic capacity this year, with estimates ranging between 95 and 120 GW. The booming PV industry has also accelerated its overseas expansion, with China's PV product exports surging 80.3% year-on-year to reach \$51.25 billion in 2022.

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Xi Jinping Emphasizes Practically Strengthening Basic Research and Consolidating the Foundation of Scientific and Technological Self-Reliance and Self-Strengthening at the Politburo's Third Group Study Session

Posted by Xinhua Wang on 22/02/2023

Chinese President Xi Jinping spoke at a Politburo's Third Group Study Session on the importance of strengthening basic research for achieving self-reliance and self-strengthening, building robust scientific and technological power, and facing international scientific and technological competition. He emphasized the need to strengthen the forward-looking, strategic, and systemic layout of basic research, support key disciplines, and cultivate high-quality human capital. Xi stressed the



importance of international cooperation in addressing global issues, deepening global technological governance, and protecting China's technological security interests. He also highlighted the importance of improving scientific literacy and fostering young people's interest in scientific research. Finally, he called on cadres at all levels to actively solve problems facing technology workers and implement strategic deployments related to technological innovation.

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Italian Contemporary Art and Artists on the Silk Road

Written by Na Rongkun, posted by Beijing Inside-Out Art

Museum on 27/02/2023

The Beijing Inside-Out Art Museum is opening an international exhibition titled "Italian Contemporary Art and Artists on Silk Road" from February 24 to April 15, 2023. The exhibition curated by Angela Tecce will showcase works of over 30 Italian artists spanning multiple generations across more than half a century. The earliest piece is from 1967, and the latest is from 2020, with the main focus on works created since 2010. The exhibition aims to provide a comprehensive view of Italian contemporary art, with themes focused on travel, meeting and communication, and discovery. The exhibition is a part of the China-Italy Year of Culture and

Tourism and is co-organized by the Beijing Inside-Out Art Museum, the Italian Cultural Institute in Beijing, and the Galluzzo Foundation. It is part of a touring exhibition that will also travel to other countries along the Silk Road.

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30/03 - **Energy crisis or energy transition? Strategic policies and opportunities in Europe-China relations**

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