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- Francesca Spigarelli, Director China Center

Scientific Articles

What about the dragon in the room? Incorporating China into international political economy (IPE) teaching

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Written by Muyang Cheng & Johannes Petry, published online on 15/03/2023

In recent years, the research focus in International Political Economy (IPE) has shifted towards better understanding the nature and implications of China's rise in a changing global landscape. However, this shift is not reflected in the IPE curriculum, which still relies heavily on transatlantic-centric narratives. The article proposes revising the IPE curriculum to incorporate more comparative political economy and to treat China as an integral part of IPE theories. This would enable students to develop an analytical sensitivity for understanding state-market relationships that differ significantly from Western-centric narratives. Additionally, such a revised curriculum would equip students with the conceptual tools and empirical knowledge needed to understand diverse domestic institutional configurations of different economies and to analyse, compare, and critically evaluate fundamental assumptions and arguments about the global economy in the context of a rising China.

Law and Colonialism in China: A German Perspective

Written by Luigi Nuzzo, published online on 14/03/2022

This article explores the colonial expansion of Western powers in China during the 19th and 20th centuries, with a focus on Germany's legal strategies in occupying the bay of Jiaozhou and establishing a settlement in Tianjin. The author examines the role of legal discourse in the production of new social spaces and the darker side of modern international law. By analyzing the exceptional nature of non-Western spaces and populations and the concept of sovereignty beyond Western borders, the article provides insight into European jurists' theoretical discussions and the strange legal tools that enabled Germany to transform Jiaozhou into a colony.

News from China



China's Priorities: "Three Coordinates"

Written by Chen Jimin, posted by China-US Focus on 15/03/2023

Communist Party of China released the Communique of the second plenary session of the 20th Central Committee. It states that China is better coordinating its domestic and international imperatives, its COVID- 19 response and its socioeconomic development and security

priorities. For China, development has specific connotations: it emphasizes quality development and is led by innovation and coordinated work. China is keenly aware that it is deeply integrated with the world. It cannot develop in isolation. China is hoping to explore an effective path to modernization. This will give other countries, especially developing countries, the confidence they need.

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China pushes for selfsufficiency at the Two Sessions

Written by Nadya Yeh, posted by The China Project on 09/03/2023

In response to the geopolitical risks and a slowing economy, China has embarked on a self-sufficiency drive and a major bureaucratic overhaul. Beijing has proposed plans to form new departments for financial regulation, data, and science and technology, in order to better manage risks and consolidate power. China has also retaliated against the Western allies' efforts to curtail its semiconductor industry, and has taken a hard stance against the US for its aggressive actions. In order to project itself as a great power, China is taking measures to contain, encircle, and suppress the US, and its top leader, Xi Jinping, has warned of potential conflict and confrontation if the US continues its current path.

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China Focus: Recovering China outbound, inbound travel boosting global tourism market

Posted by Xinhua on 15/03/2023

China's recovering outbound and inbound travel is providing a boost to the global tourism market, as the country lifts more travel restrictions after optimizing its COVID-19 response. China has allowed travel agencies and online tourism service providers to offer group tours to a second list of 40 destinations, and visa authorities abroad have resumed issuing all categories of visas to foreigners. Travel agencies are introducing related products to capitalize on pent-up travel demand, with searches and bookings for group tours, airline tickets, and hotels surging. China's recovering outbound travel demand has brought greater confidence to the global tourism industry, and the inbound tourism market is also steadily recovering with the removal of travel restrictions. Chinese tourists are increasingly seeking personalized experiences, and tourism industry experts predict a sustained and accelerated recovery throughout 2023.



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