

Thesis Abstract

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Empirically, this study reveals the model of governance the regime has attempted to create over the last two decades to effectively manage the economy. The patterns of managers' career mobility demonstrate how the CCP has gradually strengthened its role in information gathering and policy making, while the state has been left with administering it.

Methodologically, this research tests a relatively new set of tools in China studies, which could be further utilized to conceptualize elite politics in China and analyze large sets of data in the field.

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