Overview and Rationale

The modern Chinese state has traditionally affected every major aspect of the domestic society. With the growing liberalization of the economy, coupled with an increasing complexity of social issues, there is a belief that the state is retreating from an array of social problems from health to the environment. Yet, as we survey China’s social and political landscape today we see not only the central state playing an active role in managing social problems, but state actors at the local level, and non-state actors, such as social organizations and private enterprises, are emerging.

Coiled in this environment, this book series is interested in examining the politics and sociology of contemporary China. The series will engage with research that explores the intricacies of institutional interactions, and analysis of micro-level actors who are shaping China’s future.

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