



China: Democratising One Party Rule?

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Is China moving in the direction of greater democratic opening? A more consultative form of politics is emerging in China, but questioning the one-party state is still not deemed legitimate and the demand for democratic change is hard to gauge. The driving force behind the ushering in of a more open form of politics is the Chinese Communist Party's 'National Project'. This paper examines the complex relations between nationalism, economic development and political change in China and assesses the prospects for longer-term democratisation - along with the policy implications for Western governments.

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All Welcome

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