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Civil Society as an Analytic Lens for Contemporary China

China's bourgeoisie has increasing access to informal channels of participation. These promote elite societal interests but reduce their incentive to demand institutionalised participation. Meanwhile, the social status of the working classes has steadily eroded over the past decade and they have little recourse except the power of collective action.

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Gods of Wealth, Temples of Prosperity: Party-State Participation in the Minority Cultural Revival

The God of Wealth case suggests that state-society relations in China are adversarial — state and society are pitted in opposition to each other. On the other hand, the cases of the Bai and Dai reveal the strategies used by a reforming authoritarian state to modernise local economies and legitimate itself among diverse, far-flung groups.

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The dynamics of the Hainan negotiations have not yet been adequately delineated because most analyses focus on statesmen calculating state-to-state relations. Domestic conflict explanations, on the other hand, illuminate the internal processes within the states, but do not generally adequately link them to the bargaining between states.

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