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Charity Organizations and the Transition of Chinese State-NGO Relationship

Abstract

A series of reforms on Chinese official NGO policy since 2013 has to lead to the transition of Chinese State-NGO relationship. In an attempt to shed light on how and why this happens, the article explores aims of those new official NGO policies and its influence of on the civil society. The discussion is divided into three parts. The first section introduces previous studies on Chinese NGO regulatory system and analyzes how it works from an informational perspective. The second and third sections address why the reforms occur and its potential effects on Chinese new state-NGO relationship. The study concludes that the rise of charity organizations, as well as the popularization of social media, has made more and more actors engage in the NGO regulatory system. The loosing power over civil society forced the authoritarian state to change its control from a direct way to an indirect way. A new state-NGO relationship may emerge in the following years.

Keyword

China; State-NGO Relationship; Civil Society; Charity Organization; Institution Change