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Biography

Professor Melanie Manion is a professor of political science at Duke University. She studied philosophy and political economy at Peking University in the late 1970s, was trained in Far Eastern studies at McGill University and the University of London, and earned her doctorate in political science at the University of Michigan. Prior to her appointment at Duke University, she was Vilas-Jordan Distinguished Achievement Professor at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Professor Manion is the recipient of major research awards including the National Science Foundation and Fulbright Foundation, and the author of numerous articles in scholarly journals. Her books include *Retirement of Revolutionaries in China: Public Policies, Social Norms, Private Interests* (Princeton University Press, 1993), *Corruption by Design: Building Clean Government in Mainland China and Hong Kong* (Harvard University Press, 2004), and *Information for Autocrats: Representation in Chinese Local Congresses* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming in 2015).

Professor Manion research focuses on contemporary authoritarianism, with empirical work on bureaucracies, information, corruption, and representation in China. She is a pioneer in conducting survey research in China. Her forthcoming book on representation in Chinese local congresses analyzes data from a unique original survey of 5,130 local congressmen and women and their constituents. Current research investigates state management of social media in China, including netizen posts on the Chinese version of Twitter.