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1991-06-18 Based on interviews, field trips to factories and rural communes, this is an attempt to assess the political history of China and project its future development. The book China Under Deng Xiaoping-David W. Chang
suggests that China will continue to reform and will move away from adherence to Mao Zedong thought.

**Politics of Disillusionment**-Hsi-sheng Ch'i 1991-03-08 An analysis of the Chinese Communist Party from the time of Deng Xiaoping's return to power in 1978 to his resignation from his last major party post in the wake of the 1989 Tiananmen crisis, this work traces the evolution of Deng's grand strategy to create unity and stability so that he could launch his ambitious programme to modernize China by the year 2000. The author examines the impact of Deng's goal on the events of spring 1989.

**Sowing the Seeds of Democracy in China** - Merle Goldman 1994 When they found their efforts had produced negligible results, they tried to introduce new institutions such as a free press, a legislature with real power, the rule of law, and truly competitive elections.

**Ideology and Economic Reform Under Deng Xiaoping, 1978-1993**-Wei-Wei Zhang 1996 This is a probing study of the interactions between ideological trends and economic reform in the era of Deng Xiaoping. It explores an important but frequently neglected issue in the contemporary study of China - the transformation from the orthodox anti-market doctrine into a more elastic and pro-business one, and from Mao's radical totalitarian approach to Deng's gradualist, developmental, authoritarian approach. Based on a well-defined theoretical framework, the author makes a critical survey of many primary sources including official documents, policy statements, memoirs and interviews, while exploring the origin and themes of China's major ideological trends since 1978 and how they affected the pace, scope and content of economic reform. The study focuses on the origin and evolution of Deng's doctrine of 'socialism with Chinese characteristics' and its impact on the reform programme. Wei-Wei
Zhang's unique perspective brings out thought-provoking explanations of the nature of Chinese politics under Deng Xiaoping in general, and the politics of China's 'gradual approach' to reform in particular.

**Zhou Enlai and Deng Xiaoping in the Chinese Leadership Succession Crisis**-David W. Chang 1984 Examines various aspects of Chinese leadership succession from an historical perspective since the Revolution of 1911. Provides detailed profiles of the movement's major figures, Zhou Enlai and Deng Xiaoping.

**Continuities Between Mao Zedong's China and Deng Xiaoping's China**-Julian Ostendorf 2011-07 Essay from the year 2011 in the subject History - Asia, grade: 2,0, University of Warwick (Department of History), course: China since 1900, language: English, abstract: Das Essay untersucht die politische Entwicklung China seit Gründung der PRC unter Mao Zedong bis zur Offnung Chinas und seiner Modernisierung unter Deng Xiaoping. Dazu werden die Rolle des Staates bzw. der Kommunistischen Partei, die zentrale Frage der Wirtschaftspolitik sowie die Rolle Chinas in den internationalen Beziehungen und seine Strategie in einer sich andernnden weltpolitischen Lage, untersucht."

**The Commanding Heights**-Daniel Yergin 2008-12-26 The most powerful force in the world economy today is the redefinition of the relationship between state and marketplace - a process that goes by the name of privatization though this term is inadequate to express its far-reaching changes. We are moving from an era in which governments sought to seize and control the 'commanding heights' of the economy to an era in which the idea of free markets is capturing the commanding heights of world economic thinking. Basic views of how society ought to be organized are undergoing rapid change, trillions of dollars are changing hands and so is fundamental political power. Great new wealth is
being created - as are huge opportunities and huge risks. Taking a worldwide perspective, including Britain, where the process began with Mrs Thatcher, Europe and the former USSR, China, Latin America and the US, THE COMMANDING HEIGHTS shows how a revolution in ideas is transforming the world economy - why it is happening, how it can go wrong and what it will mean for the global economy going into the twenty-first century.

**Burying Mao**-Richard Baum 2018-06-05 For almost two decades after Mao Zedong's death, an epic, no-holds-barred contest was waged in China between orthodox Marxists and reformers. With Deng Xiaoping's strong support, the reformers ultimately won; but they--and China--paid a heavy price. Here, Richard Baum provides a lively, comprehensive guide to the intricate theater of post-Mao Chinese politics. He tells the intriguing story of an escalating intergenerational clash of ideas and values between the aging revolutionaries of the Maoist era and their younger, more pragmatic successors. Baum deftly analyzes the anatomy of the reformers' ultimate victory in his brilliant reconstruction of the twists and turns of the reform process.

**How China Became Capitalist**-R. Coase 2016-04-30 How China Became Capitalist details the extraordinary, and often unanticipated, journey that China has taken over the past thirty five years in transforming itself from a closed agrarian socialist economy to an indomitable economic force in the international arena. The authors revitalise the debate around the rise of the Chinese economy through the use of primary sources, persuasively arguing that the reforms implemented by the Chinese leaders did not represent a concerted attempt to create a capitalist economy, and that it was 'marginal revolutions' that introduced the market and entrepreneurship back to China. Lessons from the West were guided by the traditional Chinese principle of 'seeking truth from facts'. By turning to capitalism, China re-embraced her own
cultural roots. How China Became Capitalist challenges received wisdom about the future of the Chinese economy, warning that while China has enormous potential for further growth, the future is clouded by the government's monopoly of ideas and power. Coase and Wang argue that the development of a market for ideas which has a long and revered tradition in China would be integral in bringing about the Chinese dream of social harmony.

**Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China** - Ezra F. Vogel 2013-10-01 No one in the twentieth century had a greater impact on world history than Deng Xiaoping. And no scholar is better qualified than Ezra Vogel to disentangle the contradictions embodied in the life and legacy of China's boldest strategist-the pragmatic, disciplined force behind China's radical economic, technological, and social transformation.

**The Cultural Revolution and Post-Mao Reforms** - Dang Zou 1986 "Tsou, one of the country's senior and most widely respected China scholars, has for more than a generation been producing timely and deeply informed essays on Chinese politics as it develops. Eight of these (from a wide variety of sources) are gathered here with a substantial new introduction. Tsou considers events not simply from the point of view of a widely read political scientist (even political philosopher) and a concerned Chinese, but also in the light of history, the dynamics of Marxism-Leninism, individual personalities, and humane realism."—Charles W. Hayford, Library Journal

**From Rebel to Ruler** - Tony Saich 2021-07-06 On the centennial of the founding of the Chinese Communist Party, the definitive history of how Mao and his successors overcame incredible odds to gain and keep power. Mao Zedong and the twelve other young men who founded the Chinese Communist Party in 1921 could hardly
have imagined that less than thirty years later they would be rulers. On its hundredth anniversary, the party remains in command, leading a nation primed for global dominance. Tony Saich tells the authoritative, comprehensive story of the Chinese Communist Party—its rise to power against incredible odds, its struggle to consolidate rule and overcome self-inflicted disasters, and its thriving amid other Communist parties’ collapse. Saich argues that the brutal Japanese invasion in the 1930s actually helped the party. As the Communists retreated into the countryside, they established themselves as the populist, grassroots alternative to the Nationalists, gaining the support they would need to triumph in the civil war. Once in power, however, the Communists faced the difficult task of learning how to rule. Saich examines the devastating economic consequences of Mao’s Great Leap Forward and the political chaos of the Cultural Revolution, as well as the party’s rebound under Deng Xiaoping’s reforms. Leninist systems are thought to be rigid, yet the Chinese Communist Party has proved adaptable. From Rebel to Ruler shows that the party owes its endurance to its flexibility. But is it nimble enough to realize Xi Jinping’s “China Dream”? Challenges are multiplying, as the growing middle class makes new demands on the state and the ideological retreat from communism draws the party further from its revolutionary roots. The legacy of the party may be secure, but its future is anything but guaranteed.

**Deng Xiaoping** - Alexander Pantsov 2015

Alexander Pantsov and Steven Levine's new biography of Deng Xiaoping does what no other biography has done: based on newly discovered documents, it covers his entire life, from his childhood and student years to the post-Tiananmen era. Thanks to unprecedented access to Russian archives containing massive files on the Chinese Communist Party, the authors present a wealth of new material on Deng dating back to the 1920s.
**Following the Leader**-David M. Lampton 2019-04-09 With unique access to Chinese leaders at all levels of the party and government, best-selling author David M. Lampton tells the story of China’s political elites from their own perspectives. Based on over five hundred interviews, Following the Leader offers a rare glimpse into how the attitudes and ideas of those at the top have evolved over the past four decades. Here China’s rulers explain their strategies and ideas for moving the nation forward, share their reflections on matters of leadership and policy, and discuss the challenges that keep them awake at night. As the Chinese Communist Party installs its new president, Xi Jinping, for a presumably ten-year term, questions abound. How will the country move forward as its explosive rate of economic growth begins to slow? How does it plan to deal with domestic and international calls for political reform and to cope with an aging population, not to mention an increasingly fragmented bureaucracy and society? In this insightful book we learn how China’s leaders see the nation’s political future, as well as about its global strategic influence.

**Deng Xiaoping**-Michael Dillon 2014-10-27 One of the most important figures in global politics during the second half of the 20th century; Deng Xiaoping is generally considered the central figure behind China's economic liberalization programme that produced historically unprecedented growth rates and development beginning in the late 1970s. Lifting nearly a billion people out of poverty, Deng Xiaoping's 'Four Modernisations' called for reform in agriculture, industry, military, and science and technology. Today these reforms are considered to be the crucial turning point in modern Chinese history, enabling China to effectively harness its previously-latent power in its quest to become a global economic superpower. Just ten years after this tremendous achievement, Deng's brutal suppression of the democracy movement at Tiananmen Square severely undermined his international and domestic reputation. To explain
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China Under Reform-Zhimin Lin 2014-09-02 In 1976, at the death of its longtime leader Mao Zedong, China was in a state of economic stagnation and social chaos. Mao's radical policies and continual political campaigns, including the disastrous Cultural Revolution, had taken a heavy toll on the Chinese people. By the end of the decade, however, a more moderate, pragmatic leadership under Deng Xiaoping had come to power and put China on a course to recovery. In the four decades since then, China's economic growth has been nothing short of amazing. China is now one of the world's leading manufacturing centers, and an estimated 400 million of its people have been lifted out of poverty. Still, problems remain. Among them are a growing gap in living standards between rural and urban areas, rampant corruption, and a repressive government that has resisted political reforms. This volume provides a comprehensive
view of China's historic reforms. It not only details what has been accomplished so far, but also offers a glimpse at what the future might hold for the world's most populous nation.

Quotations from Chairman Mao Tsetung - Tsetung Mao 1990


China's Political Dynamics Under Xi Jinping - Zhiyue Bo 2016-11-29 China watching is anything but being boring because Chinese politics is filled with dramas almost on a daily basis. In the past three years since Xi Jinping became general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, the Chinese political drama has unfolded with a lot of twists and turns. Based on a series of articles published on the Diplomat, this volume offers snapshots of different episodes of the political drama from December 2014 to January 2016, focusing mostly on the main character of the show — President Xi Jinping and serving as an appetizer for those who are hungry about Chinese elite politics.

Reform and Reaction in Post-Mao China - Richard Baum 2018-09-18 The decade of the 1980s began in China with great expectations of the societal benefits of modernisation, and ended with gunfire in Tiananmen Square. This book, first published in 1991, presents essays that explore the political and economic reform
policies that emerged in post-Mao China under Deng Xiaoping. In general, they conclude that the advent of partial marketization and structural reform tended to magnify structural contradictions rather than solve them.

**Deng Xiaoping and the Chinese Revolution**

**The Politics of the Core Leader in China**
Xuezhi Guo 2019-04-30 This is the first full-length scholarly study of the Chinese 'core' leader and his role in the Chinese Communist Party's elite politics.

**Rethinking Chinese Politics**
Joseph Fewsmith 2021-06-17 Understanding Chinese politics has become more important than ever. Some argue that China's political system is 'institutionalized' or that 'win all/lose all' struggles are a thing of the past, but, Joseph Fewsmith argues, as in all Leninist systems, political power is difficult to pass on from one leader to the next. Indeed, each new leader must deploy whatever resources he has to gain control over critical positions and thus consolidate power. Fewsmith traces four decades of elite politics from Deng to Xi, showing how each leader has built power (or not). He shows how the structure of politics in China has set the stage for intense and sometimes violent intra-elite struggles, shaping a hierarchy in which one person tends to dominate, and, ironically, providing for periods of stability between intervals of contention.

**Changes in China**
Shao Chuan Leng 1989 Under Deng Xiaoping's dynamic leadership, the People's Republic of China has embarked on a highly significant and ambitious modernization drive resulting in various political, economic, and social changes. It is to the nature and extent of the reform program that the book addresses.
itself. There is general consensus among the authors that important changes are taking place in Deng's China that affect various segments of the society. Most authors seem to believe that although beset with problems and difficulties, current reforms and changes are likely to be continued and expanded in the years ahead.

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**China Under Reform**-Lowell Dittmer
2018-02-19 In the face of the demise of communism elsewhere, China's unique combination of economic reform and political dictatorship has kept the country intact. Yet Lowell Dittmer questions the ability of this fragile structure to withstand future tremors. In this book, Dittmer convincingly shows how, although the revolutionary impulse has largely been forgotten, it continues to disrupt, inspire, and otherwise shape the reform effort.

**China After Deng Xiaoping**-Willy Wo-Lap Lam
1995-08-08 Examines the legacy of Deng Xiaoping, and discusses Chinese politics,
The essays that make up this volume offer the reader a full introduction to, and analysis of, the politics of the People's Republic of China from 1949 to the mid 1990s.

Special Economic Zones and China’s Development Path-Yitao Tao 2018-10-05 The book provides insights into the development of special economic zones, which are an important factor in the political and economic reforms in China. It discusses a number of topics, including the history and the modernization of special economic zones in China, the contributions of special economic zones to China’s economic success and cultural change, as well as the new mission of special economic zones in the current economic-social context. Applying institutional economics and growth poles theory, it discusses the mechanism of China’s path driven by special economic zone practices. The book is a valuable resource for researchers interested in special economic zones, political and institutional reforms and economic transformation during China’s modernization.

Chinese Politics in the Xi Jinping Era-Cheng Li 2016-10-18 Chinese politics are at a crossroads as President Xi Jinping amasses personal power and tests the constraints of collective leadership. In the years since he became general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party in 2012, Xi Jinping has surprised many people in China and around the world with his bold anti-corruption campaign and his aggressive consolidation of power. Given these new developments, we must rethink how we analyze Chinese politics—an urgent task as China now has more influence on the global economy and regional security than at any other time in modern history. Chinese Politics in the Xi Jinping Era examines how the structure and
dynamics of party leadership have evolved since the late 1990s and argues that "inner-party democracy"—the concept of collective leadership that emphasizes deal making based on accepted rules and norms—may pave the way for greater transformation within China's political system. Xi's legacy will largely depend on whether he encourages or obstructs this trend of political institutionalization in the governance of the world's most populous and increasingly pluralistic country. Cheng Li also addresses the recruitment and composition of the political elite, a central concern in Chinese politics. China analysts will benefit from the meticulously detailed biographical information of the 376 members of the 18th Central Committee, including tables and charts detailing their family background, education, occupation, career patterns, and mentor-patron ties.

**Ideology & Econ Refor Under Deng**-Zhang

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**China after Deng Xiaoping**-Willy Wo-Lap Lam

1995-08-08 China After Deng Xiaoping "...An excellent new study of post-Tiananmen China." "He [the author] is extremely skillful at using both official and unofficial sources to show that..... despite the bland assurances of 'stability and unity,' politics in China is a serious business of finding compromises between different interest groups, competing ideologies and alternative visions of the future." "What emerges is a far more nuanced account of factional struggle in the Communist party than the caricature we normally encounter, of a struggle between good and evil, or 'reformers vs conservatives.'" Asian Wall Street Journal "Lam is among the best Hong Kong-based China watchers. He is a knowledgeable, close-up observer and a provocative writer. He presents sharp analyses of events and makes bold judgements." Far Eastern Economic Review "One of the most valuable [works on post-Deng China]
is this latest study by one of Hong Kong’s most informed political journalists. This is a consummate China watcher’s book....... for anyone who seriously wants to understand what is happening in Chinese politics, it is indispensable." Asiaweek, the Asian Newsweekly "A renowned China specialist, Lam’s views are valued by the international media. The author’s insightful analysis is based on interviews with senior Communist-Chinese officials and the study of internal party documents. His book includes discussions of Chinese politics, economic reform, the future role of the People’s Liberation Army, and Deng Xiaoping’s legacy." United Daily News, Taipei

**Deng Xiaoping**-Nancy Liu Peter Rand Lawre 1994-09-11 "An inside view of how politics work in the era of Deng Xiaoping. Ruan Ming, who participated in the initial phase of China's reforms, has written an engrossing account of behind-the-scenes political machinations. It is the story of the fierce personal, political, and ideological struggles that have led China to its present course--economic reforms at the expense of political reforms".--Merle Goldman, Boston University. Lightning Print On Demand Title Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

**China and the Legacy of Deng Xiaoping**-Michael E. Marti 2002 This volume documents a turning point in the Chinese communist revolution that elevates Deng to a role equal to that of Mao. Michael Marti explores post-Tiananmen domestic political wrangling and focuses on Deng's efforts to link all the major elements of society - the PLA, the Party, the revolutionary elders and the regional governors - into a coalition whose survival depends on the success of his economic policies.

**Party Ideology, Public Discourse, and Reform Governance in China**-Yayoi Kato
Decision-making in Deng's China - Carol Lee Hamrin 1995-01-15 Considers the politics of central decision-making by focusing on senior policy makers and implementing bureaucracies on the one hand, and actors in economic and non-economic arenas on the other. The contributors held significant party and government positions in China up to 1989.

Afterlives of Chinese Communism - Christian Sorace 2019-06-25 Afterlives of Chinese Communism comprises essays from over fifty world-renowned scholars in the China field, from various disciplines and continents. It provides an indispensable guide for understanding how the Mao era continues to shape Chinese politics today. Each chapter discusses a concept or practice from the Mao period, what it attempted to do, and what has become of it since. The authors respond to the legacy of Maoism from numerous perspectives to consider what lessons Chinese communism can offer today, and whether there is a future for the egalitarian politics that it once promised.

China's Political Economy - Wang Gungwu 1998-05-13 1997 was truly an eventful year for China, with many momentous happenings. In February of that year Deng Xiaoping passed away, thus marking the end of an era. Shortly after, the post-Deng Chinese leadership under Jiang Zemin had to mobilise great efforts to ensure the smooth resumption of sovereignty over Hong Kong on June 30. This was then followed by intensive preparation for the holding of the 15th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party in September, which set national priorities for China's medium- and long-term development as well as decided on the core team of younger leaders responsible for leading China into the 21st century. China is in the midst of great political, economic and social changes, which will intensify each other on account of their speed and scale. History has never before witnessed such a huge country as China industrialising and transforming itself so rapidly.
and so extensively. Accordingly, China's success or failure in its domestic development carries serious regional and international implications. There is still a great deal of uncertainty as to how soon in the next century China will become the world's most powerful economy. But what is happening in China today has already impinged on many aspects of life for people in the Asia-Pacific region, either in terms of growing trade and investment opportunities from China or in terms of regional security. This volume is largely based on public lectures and seminar papers by academic visitors and scholars at the East Asian Institute. Each has been written as a self-contained piece by a China expert, but presented primarily with non-specialist readers in mind.

Contents:
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- More Democratic?: A Realistic View of China's Democratisation (Y-N Zheng)
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and students who specialise in China study. It should also interest the general reader.” Asian-Pacific Economic Literature “… this collection could appeal to non-specialist readers or undergraduates who seek a quick cursory survey of academic currents on China's political economy.” China Information

**To Get Rich Is Glorious**-Jacques deLisle 2019-09-24 In 1978, China launched economic reforms that have resulted in one of history’s most dramatic national transformations. The reforms removed bureaucratic obstacles to economic growth and tapped China’s immense reserves of labor and entrepreneurial talent to unleash unparalleled economic growth in the country. In the four decades since, China has become the world’s second-largest economy after the United States, and a leading force in international trade and investment. As the contributors to this volume show, China also faces daunting challenges in sustaining growth, continuing its economic ransformation, addressing the adverse consequences of economic success, and dealing with mounting suspicion from the United States and other trade and investment partners. China also confronts risks stemming from the project to expand its influence across the globe through infrastructure investments and other projects under the Belt and Road Initiative. At the same time, China’s current leader, Xi Jinping, appears determined to make his own lasting mark on the country and on China’s use of its economic clout to shape the world around it.

**China’s Leaders**-David Shambaugh 2021-06-25 Since the founding of the People’s Republic of China over 70 years ago, five paramount leaders have shaped the fates and fortunes of the nation and the ruling Chinese Communist Party: Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping, Jiang Zemin, Hu Jintao, and Xi Jinping. Under their leaderships, China has undergone an extraordinary transformation from an undeveloped and insular country to a comprehensive world power. In this definitive
study, renowned Sinologist David Shambaugh offers a refreshing account of China’s dramatic post-revolutionary history through the prism of those who ruled it. Exploring the persona, formative socialization, psychology, and professional experiences of each leader, Shambaugh shows how their differing leadership styles and tactics of rule shaped China domestically and internationally: Mao was a populist tyrant, Deng a pragmatic Leninist, Jiang a bureaucratic politician, Hu a technocratic apparatchik, and Xi a modern emperor. Covering the full scope of these leaders’ personalities and power, this is an illuminating guide to China’s modern history and understanding how China has become the superpower of today.