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The Party-directed Chinese Governance Model: How to Explain the China Puzzle

Over more than four decades the Party-directed governance model of China has delivered a growth record without precedent in Modern history. Yet in all commonly used measures on the quality of governance China scores low. China's development experiment is also at odds with the Western liberal paradigm which posits that sustained economic development must be based on good governance defined as a whole set of democratic values and an independent bureaucracy.

This is a puzzle or paradox that raises the question of how a non-democratic state without a Weberian-type autonomous bureaucracy can meaningfully attain good governance. The paper argues that the Chinese example shows that it is possible to create an efficient, capable, semi-autonomous and development-oriented bureaucracy in a non-democratic one-Party system. It also seems to show that good governance is not a mere technicality of copying best practices from the developed West. Following a path-dependent logic, it is of importance that China already 2000 years ago created a centralized, uniform system of administration based on merit-based bureaucratic recruitment.

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