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A Transition Foretold: Why a regime change in China could happen before 2030

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Theories of democratic transition suggest that the survival of one-party rule in China will face increasing challenges in the coming decade. But a large number of observers also insist that China is exceptional. What is the prospect of a regime transition in China despite its poor odds at the moment? We will rely on insights from recent cases of transitions and empirical data from China to conduct a systematic analysis on the likelihood and possible scenarios of a regime transition in China in the coming 10-15 years.



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