

Reflections and Evaluations

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Purpose of Chinese side

- To let Europe know what happened in China
- To know the experience of Europe

Europe model

- To share information, prompt cooperation and solidarity, construct civil society / harmonious

Achievement

- Works rights

Marx: All workers in the world make a union.

- Migration

to be included not excluded in the China society
to share the benefits of economy growth

- Gender

Women's significance in China
equal development

Impressed example

- CCC

Can all Chinese enjoy the Olympics?



- China Blue
deep inside story

What to do next?

- Institution and law
- Organization
- Media's role
- International cooperation

1. Institution and law

- Practice Rule of law

China's current Constitution

Promulgated 1982

Revised 2004, add human rights and civil rights to it

Article 33:

PRC respect and safeguard human rights.

Article 34-37: All the PRC citizens have
eight rights:

- vote and be voted,
- opinion and publish ,
- assembly,
- association,
- parade,
- demonstration,
- religion,
- personal freedom

- However, no further and measurable acts to exercise human rights and civil rights
 - No trial to protect those rights neither
 - No any approved demonstration since 1989
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- To make new and make fully use of existing acts:
 - Civil Law
 - Labour protection act , strengthen negotiation room to courtroom

China's State Council did sign *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* in 1998 , but the NPC has not approved it so far.

Push to realize it

Lobby and pressure from domestic and international community

2 Organization

- Establish and operation of more CS Orgs. to match the dynamic and diversified changing society of China
- Loose control of the government
 - Non-political issues, social problems
- Decline control of *Danwei* (the work unit)
 - Various forms: Trade union, club, communitiy group, website and BBS, QQ group

- Make use of existing orgs.

Lobby and pressure to All China Worker's Federation

Make it from technical benefits providers to become a worker's rights protector

- women workers sub-committee
- teachers sub-committee ...

Relations and conflicts of central and local government
conflicts between corporate and government

3 Media's role

- News media
CCP stop subsidy *
reform
competition to find valued news to attract
the readers
- Internet
New IT media, difficult control
enormous influence in China

Decline of CCP political paper

Rise of non-political paper

Circulation decline of party paper

popular: urban, social and entertainment paper

sports, fashion, life style, finance...

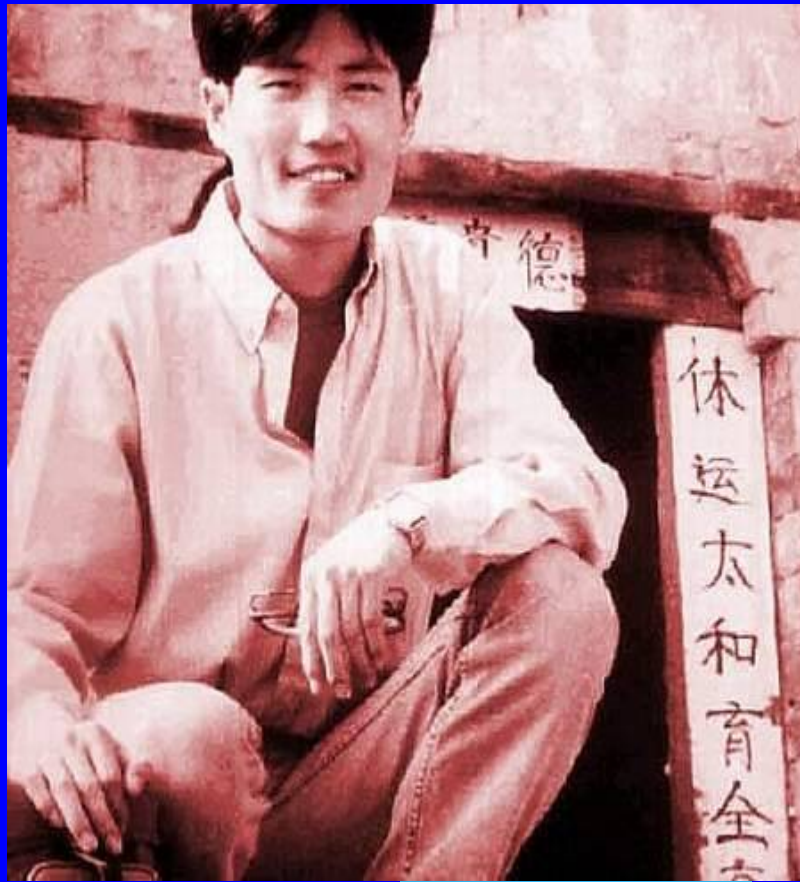
Diversification of coverage

- Various content and style
- Change of news value
 - from positive to negative events
 - from good news to bad news
 - scandal, corruption, human interest



- (up) Official of Nanjing real estate bureau took an 150-Euro-package of cigarette and an 10,000 Euros watch in a meeting.
- (left) A soon-married young man died in detention room , due to hide-seek game according to the police

Sun Zhigang Case



- In early 2003, Sun Zhigang went to Guangzhou in search of employment as a fashion designer. Like many other migrants at many levels of Chinese society, Sun was required to have a special “temporary residence permit” in order to look for work outside of his home town. Like many others, Sun was detained by police in a migrant detention center; he was severely beaten and died a few days later in police custody.
- With the media involvement in reporting the case, senior Chinese legal scholars had begun to take up the cause, writing letters to government officials calling for abolishment of the temporary residence permits and reform of the migrant detention centers. Some of these reforms were enacted, making the Sun Zhigang case a breakthrough in China: for one, authorities did change the migrant detention centers into voluntary service centers.
- The Sun Zhigang case showed how Internet activists and journalists could mobilize an online uprising that produced real change.

Popularity of investigative reporting

CCTV: Topics in Focus , News Probe

exposure corruption, concerns on excluded groups
and social problems





- (TB) Tuberculosis, a common disease
or dust lung, a serious disease caused by professional job
Not believe in the local government appointed hospital's X-ray and
diagnosis
Let his body opened to get a slice of his lung to prove the disease
Media's big coverage make him get Euro 60,000 compensation and
the hospital punished

4 International cooperation

- Globalisation and interdependence
- Emerging global impact of the biggest population country and rising power
- More events like this for discussion and cooperation

- Thanks !
- Vielen Dank !