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## **CHINA, FROM NEW DEMOCRACY TOWARD ECOLOGICAL SOCIALISM AND ECOCIVILIZATION**

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If the People's Republic of China represents a new historical experience of democracy and socialism, the Western conceptual framework of political hermeneutics is not adequate to understand Peoples Republic of China PRC.

This research analyses the political philosophy of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics New Democracy, Ecological Socialism and Ecocivilization, from their classical roots. Ecological Socialism and Ecological Civilization are two new concepts of political philosophy, associated with the concept of New Era, that remain insufficiently studied around the world. Western model of industrial modernization (in the West and in the USSR) historically resulted in serious conflicts with the environment and natural resources. In this sense, the ecological wisdom heritage of Chinese civilization is an important component of the project of ecological civilization. The environmental crisis led PRC to a new process of reform, Ecological Socialism, spread by the slogans Beautiful China and the Chinese Dream.

This essay wants to characterize the environmental transformation of PRC in the 20th/ 21st centuries, considering four periods:

1949–1976. The period of agrarian reform. extension and industrialization of agriculture and the construction of infrastructure and basic industries.

1976–2005. The reform and opening up period, giving priority to economic and urban growth and energy and technological development, based on coal, relocation, from the West to China, many the polluting industries and the expansion of economy without sustainability.

2005–2015. The period of the transition to an ecological economy, to the ecological socialist society and to the Beautiful China.

2016—...The pilot regions of Eco Civilization. The case-study of Autonomous Region of Xinjiang.

This research intends to characterize the theoretical contributions from the domain of political philosophy of CPC and National People's Congress to overcoming the environmental crisis in China:

Sustainable development was recognized as the scientific concept of development at the 16th CPC National Congress in 2003. President Hu Jintao declared the goal of building Ecological Civilization at the 17<sup>th</sup> CPC National Congress in 2007. It then became the guiding thought for the economic and social development of PRC, understood as a balanced development between urban and rural areas, between man and nature, and between different generations...

The concept of "building ecological civilization" was added to the statutes during the 18th CPC Congress in 2012, at the initiative of President Xi Jinping. In 2013, President Xi said: "We will never seek economic growth again at the expense of the environment."

In the 13th Five-Year Plan (2016–2020) Ecological Development became one of the five principles of development after the Central Committee and the Council of State published guidelines to accelerate the construction of ecological civilization.

Fujian Province has been chosen as a pilot zone for the demonstration of ecological civilization at the province level, with other pilot projects in Jiangxi Province, Yunnan Province, Guangxi Province, Guizhou Province, Xinjiang Autonomous Region.

In the historical moment when the wars and the economic crises, are the pretext of governs to forget the political and ethical imperative of fight against the environmental crises, as says the Secretary General of United Nations: Fossil fuel companies and the banks that finance them "have humanity by the throat", pulling in record profits amid energy prices. When António Guterres also criticized governments that are failing to rein in fossil fuels, and in many cases seeking increased production of gas, oil and even coal, the dirtiest fossil fuel and nuclear energy, the most dangerous. PRC represents one of the most promises world's hope to demonstrate that there are an alternative, the ecological, democratic, and socialist innovation, the path of peace and multilateral cooperation.

From this framework, Ecological Civilization represents a new humanism, without the domination of nature. Having transcended industrial civilization, the ecological civilization will represent a more advanced state of human civilization.

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