

Beyond the Middle Kingdom: Comparative Perspectives on China's Capitalist Transformation By Scott Kennedy

Scott Kennedy is Deputy Director of the Freeman Chair in China Studies and Director of the Project on Chinese Business and Political Economy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Composed of contributions from leading specialists on China's political economy this volume demonstrates the benefits of systematically comparing China with other countries including France Russia Japan South Korea Indonesia India Brazil and South Africa. Doing so puts the People's Republic in a light not available through other approaches and it provides a chance to consider political theories by including an important case too often left out of studies, This book breaks new ground by systematically examining China's capitalist transformation through several comparative lenses. The great majority of research on China to date has consisted of single-country studies: This is the result of the methodological demands of studying China and a sense of the country's distinctiveness due to its grand size and long history, The moniker Middle Kingdom a direct translation of the Chinese-language word for China is one of the most prominent symbols of the country's supposed uniqueness, Beyond the Middle Kingdom: Comparative Perspectives on China's Capitalist Transformation

