The Evolvement of the Chinese Communist Party Discipline Inspection Commission in the Reform Era*

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Abstract

By applying an institutional and positivist methodology, this article constructs an evaluation framework for a successful anticorruption agency and uses it to analyze the historical evolvement of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Disciplinary Inspection Commission (DIC). The empirical study on career experiences of provincial DIC secretaries shows that the DIC has made distinctive progress in China’s reform era. However, the future success of China’s anticorruption efforts depends on the redefinition of the DIC’s role in China’s national integrity system, especially its relations with the People’s Procuratorate and the CCP commission.

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