Abstract
This essay critically reviews Chinese scholars’ recent studies of China’s policymaking. For many years, this field of study was, for the most part, pursued only by Western scholars. During the past ten years, however, Chinese scholarship in this field has emerged. The increased attention of Chinese scholars to this area of study has enhanced understanding of Chinese policymaking, policy reorientation, and the relationship between policy and finance. However, the current Chinese scholarship has some limitations.

To Chinese scholars, it is somewhat embarrassing to discover that they know less about the Chinese polity and policymaking than their Western colleagues. But for many years this has been the unfortunate truth. Chinese scholars have been virtually silent in the study of Chinese policymaking, while Western scholars have been working in this field for many years. Although Western scholars have done their best and made admirable contributions in this area, their studies are limited in their

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