



T16b' Book on Contemporary Chinese Nationalism Published in HK



In July, a book entitled “Globalization and Identification - The Paradox of Contemporary Chinese Nationalism (in Chinese)” was published by City University of Hong Kong Press. The 368-page book was compiled and edited by Dr CHEN Yan, executive President of the China-Europa Forum (CEF) and Dr ZHENG Yushuo, professor of politics at the City University of Hong Kong. As one of the outcomes of CEF’s workshop T16b – Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism, the book is a follow-up of the two workshop meetings which was held in 2007 in Paris and in 2009 in Hong Kong, with more than 20 Chinese and European participants.

This book has two parts. The first part is a collection of papers and research results of individual participants which was mainly presented at the 2009 workshop meeting of T16b while the second is basically around the minutes of the discussion and dialogue section, illustrating the issue of nationalism from different perspectives. The *Introduction* by Dr CHEN Yan begins with different theories on nationalism, exploring the basic features of contemporary Chinese nationalism.

This book incorporates works of twenty Chinese, European and Japanese experts, including CHEN Yan, LI Chunfu, XIAO Gongqin, WU Guoguang, XU Youyu, CHENG Yinghong, TANG Shaocheng, YANG Hengjun, XIONG Peiyun, FENG Chongyi, HE Xiaoqing, ZHANG Boshu, TING Wai, ZHENG Yushuo, WANG Kang, Jean Baechler, Gil Delannoï, Pierre Charau, Haim Korsia and Shinnosuke Sakai. . ,

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THE BOOK IN BRIEF:

Since 1990s, Chinese nationalist sentiment has been rising. It blows out in extreme and indiscriminate ways in the event of certain international issues. It was after China's reform and opening up that such events as "Chinese people's reactions to the Yinhe incident in 1993", "outrages towards NATO bombing of the Chinese embassy in the Yugoslav capital, Belgrade in 1999" and "Boycotting Carrefour" took place. The mood of "Unhappy China" is felt in the air and increasingly fierce. To some extent, it is the result of the long-run suppression in the Chinese society. In addition, mass incidents in regions inhabited by ethnic minorities, such as "the 2008 Tibetan unrest (also known as 3•14 Riots in Tibet) and "the 2009 Xinjiang unrest (also known as 7•5 Ürümqi Riots)" show that various factors of instability are sprouting in China.

There have been a great number of studies, conversations and books about nationalism. This book has two parts. The first part is a collection of papers and research results of individual participants which was mainly presented at the 2009 workshop meeting of T16b while the second is basically around the minutes of the discussion and dialogue section, illustrating the issue of nationalism from different perspectives. The *Introduction* by Dr CHEN Yan begins with different theories on nationalism, exploring the basic features of contemporary Chinese nationalism.

This book aims to help expand visions and lead readers to explore the cultural, political, religious and ethnic issues behind nationalism. It is an insightful attraction for all Chinese people and can also serve as a reference book for high school students and college students.