

Message from the editor, *The China Quarterly*

The China Quarterly wishes to express its deep concern and disappointment that over 300 articles and reviews published in the journal have been censored by a Chinese import agency. We note too that this restriction of academic freedom is not an isolated move but an extension of policies that have narrowed the space for public engagement and discussion across Chinese society.

The China Quarterly is the world's leading China area studies journal. The articles it publishes are subject to rigorous, double-blind peer review, and are of the highest international standing. Scholars from academic institutions all over the world have chosen to publish in *The China Quarterly* precisely because of our high standards and high impact. We have been particularly pleased to reflect China's 'going out' policies via the rapidly increasing number of submissions from Chinese mainland scholars.

The China Quarterly's priorities lie with its authors and readers, and its responsibility to uphold academic freedom in the scholarly community. As such, we will strive to ensure that articles published in the journal reach as wide an audience as possible. We will continue to work hard to safeguard our academic standards and to maintain our impact, irrespective of subject matter.

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