

# The Quest for Legitimacy in Chinese Politics

Xiang explains the nature and depth of the legitimacy crisis facing the government of China, and why it is so frequently misunderstood in the West.

Arguing that it is more helpful to understand the quest for legitimacy in China as an eternally dynamic process, rather than to seek resolutions in constitutionalism, Xiang examines the understanding of legitimacy in Chinese political philosophy. He posits that the current crisis is a consequence of the incompatibility of Confucian Republicanism and Soviet-inspired Bolshevism. The discourse on Chinese political reform tends to polarize between total Westernization, on the one hand, and the rejection of Western influence in all forms, on the other. Xiang points to a third solution – meeting Western democratic theories halfway, avoiding another round of violent revolution.

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To my mother, who symbolizes China's modern history of interaction between the East and West. Growing up a devout Christian, a choir girl at an Episcopal church in Shanghai, she joined Communist Party 80 years ago to fight the Japanese. Today, at the age of 100, her favorite hobby is singing Battle March of the Republic in English, "Glory, glory, Hallelujah..."....."



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# Introduction

## Legitimacy – East and West

The fundamental dispute between China and the West focuses on the question of political legitimacy. No doubt, the People's Republic of China has been facing the most serious legitimacy crisis since its founding in 1949. But the roots of this crisis are generally misinterpreted in the West, because the conceptual framework in describing China has lost its validity. The prevailing assumption is that any political problem in China would come from a single source, i.e., lack of "democratic legitimacy." But this interpretation cannot explain why China's legitimacy crisis has emerged during its most sustained period of economic boom in history. It is the contention of this book that there are twin sources of the current legitimacy crisis: on the one hand, there is the project of cultural restoration through which Chinese leader Xi Jinping attempts to restore "Confucian legitimacy" or the traditional "Mandate of Heaven"; on the other hand, Xi refuses to start any political reforms, because it is his top priority to preserve the existing political system, i.e., a ruling system derived mainly from an alien source, the Bolshevik Russia. The two objectives are totally incompatible and increasingly heading toward fatal clash. The communist rank and file, not to mention the population at large, has lost faith in this decision-making system.<sup>1</sup> No one, not even the most hardened communist ideologue, can explain why such alien system should be preserved forever – now the nation is on the path of cultural revival to realize so-called China Dream.

The prevailing scholarship in the West fails to comprehend the real Chinese legitimacy crisis, because it is deeply rooted in modern Western academic disciplines that are largely irrelevant to Chinese history and cultural tradition. The post-Enlightenment West has long interpreted politics in China through various disciplines of political "science," political "philosophy" and, of course, the Eurocentric historiography. It has also created a language framework through which arbitrary judgment can only be sustained by political speech-acts.<sup>2</sup> As Ludwig Wittgenstein famously put it, "Words are also deeds."<sup>3</sup> Modern Western political analysis is often aimed at hiding political speech-acts behind conceptual abstractions; no matter what they are called: "philosophy," "science" or "universal values." Therefore, the most challenging task in this study is to navigate carefully the conceptual and logical traps created by post-Enlightenment terminologies that deliberately obscure the political speech-acts when dealing

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with China. Since it is written in a European language, I have to take extreme caution at dissecting most of the “master keywords” with interpretations drawn from the Chinese culture and history. Whether it succeeds in wading through the encirclement of conceptual landmines can only be judged by readers. This volume tackles a single master keyword in political discourse: legitimacy (*Hefa*, 合法性 in modern Chinese). It is part of the comprehensive study on four master keywords concerning modern and contemporary Chinese politics: legitimacy, republic, economy and foreign policy.

In Western tradition, legitimacy means the popular acceptance of an authority. “Authority” means a specific position in an established government; hence, the term “legitimacy” denotes a system of governing structure. In Western democratic context, therefore, political legitimacy depends on a structural arrangement of power, i.e., how power is divided. This is considered a basic condition for governing, without which a government will have no legitimacy.

In modern West, Max Weber was the original thinker of the question of political legitimacy. According to Weber in his famous essay “Politics as Vocation,” since

the state is seen as the sole grantor of the ‘right’ to physical force, ‘politics’ in our case would mean the pursuit for a *portion* of power or for influencing the *division* of power whether it is between states, or between groups of people which the state encompasses.

Hence, Weber argued for three kinds of authorities of political legitimacy: traditional, charisma and legal.<sup>4</sup>

In his rather perfunctory study of Confucian system, Weber advanced a view that the traditional Chinese system would not be sustainable, because it simply lacked progressive vision; charisma of a leader is a rare feature for an individual, and, thus, the only reliable and sustainable authority was legal and administrative one.<sup>5</sup> In other words, of parliamentary politics, government must maintain under its own conditions power arrangements in order to sustain legitimacy. In law, the term “legitimacy” implies the legal status of the governing institutions and their actions with popular support.

As the following chapters will show, since the very beginning of the Greco-Roman tradition, politics has always maintained a *spatial* conception, as reflected in the term *polis* (a city or city-state) under the assumption that political power can be “divided” mechanically into fixed and static sections. Chinese civilization, however, has never developed a spatial dimension in politics. The Confucian conception of politics is entirely temporal, based on the dynamic idea that legitimacy is determined by a ruler’s daily moral behavior. In other words, politics equates virtual quality. None of the popular definitions and descriptions of political legitimacy adopted in the Western world can explain this type of legitimacy. Of course, the foundation of any political legitimacy is that the population at large still has confidence in their government’s actions which are morally appropriate and executed by a legally constituted government. The Chinese

term of legitimacy, or *Hefa*, contains two concepts, “fit” and “law” (合法), but here the term “law” does not reflect the same meaning, for it gives priority to, as we shall see in Chapter 3, morality rather than adjudication procedure.

Moreover, China has never developed a political “philosophy,” except in the classic Greek sense of the term “philo Sophia,” wisdom. Western political philosophy is the study of generalized questions about power, justice, law, the rights and obligations of the citizen. Traditional China could never produce such kind of abstract and generalized study on politics, because politics and ethics are interlinked subjects, like “*Yin* and *Yang*” dynamics, and because both subjects discuss the question of what constitutes a good government and how people should live. Legitimacy of a ruler is considered deriving from a Mandate of Heaven (*Tian Ming* 天命), and that unjust rulers will lose the mandate and will, therefore, lose the right to rule. This unique Chinese vision of legitimacy is at the outset a dynamic “deeds-based” rather than “procedure-based” argument. The Mandate of Heaven, literally “heaven-decreed mandate to rule,” is an ancient Chinese belief that *tiān* (天 heaven, though not Christian Heaven or God) grants emperor the right to rule based on their moral quality and *ability* to govern well and fairly. If he does not fulfill his moral obligations as emperor, the Mandate would then transfer to the one who does.

The Mandate of Heaven does not require a ruler to possess divine connection (as the Yamato dynasty in Japan), nor even noble blood (as common case in feudal Europe). A beggar or a monk could become emperor as well. The Mandate has no time limitations, depending instead on the just and able performance of the ruler and his heirs. The concept of the Mandate of Heaven was first used to support founding kings of the Zhou dynasty (1045–256 BC), and justify their overthrow of the despotic Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). This phrase has since been used to justify the legitimacy of rulers of the vast Chinese empire, including non-Han ethnic monarchs such as the Mongolian Yuan dynasty (1271–1368 AD) and the Manchu Qing dynasty (1644–1911 AD). The Mandate of Heaven has been a well-accepted idea among the people, since it advocates the removal of despots and compels rulers to rule well and justly. The concept has frequently been invoked by scholars in China as a way to fight against the abuse of power. Moreover, the Chinese view of history is cyclical, not linear; hence, it never aims at a predestined end. With this cyclical view, legitimacy is in fact a never-ending process of moral self-adjustment. Institutional arrangement cannot settle the question of legitimacy once for all.

Although the Mandate of Heaven sounds superficially similar to the European concept of the “Divine Right of Kings,” in fact it operated quite differently. Before modern times in Europe, political legitimacy was defined by blood lineage in royal successions, and there was no alternative interpretation. Illegitimacy, or usurpation of power, could easily be identified under the circumstances. In the European model, God was said to have granted a particular family the right to rule a country for all time, regardless of the rulers’ behavior. Moreover, in the Christian era at least, the Divine Right was an assertion that God forbade rebellions – it was a *sin* to oppose the king. In contrast, the Mandate of Heaven

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always justifies rebellion against a bad ruler. If a rebellion was successful in overthrowing an emperor, then it was a sign that he had already lost the Mandate and the rebel leader had gained it.

Modern understanding of legitimacy is quite different. The early modern scholar John Locke (1632–1704) said that political legitimacy derives from explicit and implicit popular consent of the governed.<sup>6</sup> The 20th-century German political philosopher, Dolf Sternberger (1907–1989), summarized Locke’s argument: “Legitimacy is the foundation of such governmental power as is exercised, both with a consciousness on the government’s part that it has a right to govern, and with some recognition by the governed of that right.”<sup>7</sup>

At the first glance, the idea of consent from the governed is also analogous to the Chinese Mandate of Heaven. But the fundamental difference between Europe and China on the question of legitimacy has been the absence of the interference in China from religion or a self-claimed higher (spiritual) authority over state power, primarily represented by “Papal legitimacy.” China has never developed a true religion in its original Latin sense of *religio*, i.e., belief in and reverence for a supernatural power or powers regarded as *creator* as well as *governor* of the universe. The Chinese have constructed neither a serious creation myth, nor a personified almighty God, but only a semi-secular Jade Emperor (玉皇大帝), who is supposed to live in heaven, but his power is hardly almighty and never truly divine. The world starts with *wuji* (无极, nothingness) according to the Chinese creation myth. The Jade Emperor is the merely head of the pantheon, but not responsible for creating the world at all. The politics of “church versus state” never existed.

Without institutionalized religious authority to interfere in political power, the Chinese are able to create a dynamic conception of legitimacy through the secular authority of general will of the populace, and thus arriving at this idea without the help of any *fictional* political theory such as divine rights of humanity and “social contract.” For the sake of convenience, we retain the old English translation of *Tian Ming* (天命) as the Mandate of Heaven, with the caveat that this is no Christian Heaven, but the combination of man, nature and the undefined supreme authority. This “unrevealed” Chinese monotheism was aptly described by German philosopher Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646–1716) as “Chinese natural theology,” which is not in clash with the basic tenets of Christianity.<sup>8</sup>

Finally, the Mandate of Heaven as a key political term for legitimacy has nothing to do with territorially defined “empire.” In fact, the modern concept of “empire” (帝国) never existed in Chinese language until Meiji Japan, the first Westernized country in Asia, invented it by using two Chinese Kanjis (characters), *di* (帝, emperor) and *guo* (国, state), to create a term called *tigoku* 帝国 to denote a Western-style empire, typically with the possession of a multiethnic population and vast territories sprawling overseas. Many Western scholars consider the Mandate of Heaven an “imperial” concept designed for controlling vast territories, but the Chinese concept of legitimacy is purely a moral one. Acquiring overseas territories for population resettlement never occurred in Chinese history, and it does little to enhance legitimacy of the ruler.

Since modern times, legitimacy has become a political “ideology”<sup>9</sup> because it has acquired a firmly established set of rules for divisions of power and procedural fairness in decision-making. Hence, legitimacy is commonly described as “the property that a regime’s procedures for making and enforcing laws are acceptable to its subjects.”<sup>10</sup> It is not surprising that when legitimacy of a state is simply assessed by divisions of power, “democratic legitimacy” must be contrasted favorably with any nondemocratic system. Therefore, legitimizing one system has become a twin speech-act of delegitimizing another. But the alternative interpretation of legitimacy, such as the Mandate of Heaven, also has a clear implication that power is “given” and can be withdrawn. Does it imply popular democracy as some advocates of “Confucian democracy” claim?<sup>11</sup> Of course not, because it does not require the twin speech-act of delegitimizing another political system, for it contains no element of “demos” or “polis” which, in ancient Greece, denotes physical sizes of a human community reflecting above all spatial and mathematical conception of politics. Moreover, Confucian political tradition, as an ideology, is a direct expression of the theme that people have rights to start rebellion against state authorities – a theory appeared much earlier than John Locke’s convoluted argument about popular rights to fight against tyranny.<sup>12</sup> It was the European Enlightenment that began to dismiss the Mandate of Heaven as nothing but apology for “Oriental Despotism,” as we shall see in Chapter 2, thanks mainly to the works of Baron Charles Montesquieu (1689–1755).<sup>13</sup>

Debate over the nature of the Chinese system is not new. The first such debate in the West took place in the mid-17th century, known as the Chinese Rites Controversy.<sup>14</sup> At that time in Europe, democratic ideology had not yet established itself as a rhetorical tool for the speech-act of disparaging other political systems, so whether the Chinese way of governance was legitimate was irrelevant. However, the Western dominance of the globe since the 18th century beyond Europe has created hegemony of Western thought. Premodern Europe’s rich interactions with the non-Western world are deliberately ignored by post-Enlightenment historians.<sup>15</sup> A new orthodoxy promoting “progress” against “backwardness” and “civilization” against “barbarism” justified the “Whiteman’s Burden,” i.e., colonial expansion into all non-Western territories. Yet this orthodoxy obscured the relative position of the West itself during the tumultuous centuries of struggling for a position as a “rising” power and an “emerging” market on the world stage. During that era, its interactions with the non-West were characterized by competition rather than domination, accommodation rather than rejection and negotiation rather than hegemony.

The irony is while modern “democratic legitimacy” as a concept can only work with the act of delegitimizing other types of political system, the theme Mandate of Heaven never contains an element of disparaging other models of governance. Hence, there is always conceptual room for systemic improvement within the Chinese vision of politics, while the opposite may be true for the rigid Western vision which considers democracy to have reached the pinnacle of political improvement for all human societies, or even at an “end of history” without any room for improvement (Fukuyama 1992).

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It should be pointed out further that the superiority of “democratic legitimacy” has long been justified by two alleged advantages for Europeans, both allegedly rooted in culture: superior Christian ethics and exceptional talent for economic growth. Most Western scholars assume that democratic modernization and the accompanying economic progress can only take place in a Christian cultural context (or more precisely for Max Weber, a Protestant ethical context<sup>16</sup>). However, this “tradition versus modernity” paradigm has lost its validity in explaining contemporary China and many other “traditional states” on the rise again in the 21st century.

The “self-evident” truth of a positive relationship between a democratic system and economic well-being of its citizens can no longer be taken for granted even within the Western world. Indeed, with the prospect of China’s GDP surpassing that of the United States in the next 10–20 years, a great debate has started in the West. But it is a wrong debate, for it is not a debate on how the meaning and context of political legitimacy may have to be enriched through renewed cultural interaction, but on the logic of great power rivalries – first promoted by Edward Gibbon, followed by Oswald Spengler and later revived by Arnold Toynbee, Paul Kennedy and, most recently, Graham Allison (the Thucydides Trap). Such discourse on the great power “rise and fall” phenomenon is a typical Western one, as the primary concern is over whether China will integrate into the existing (i.e., West-dominated) world order or seek to destroy it.

As an undemocratic system, China is automatically considered an illegitimate state. The teleological fantasy that all regimes will at some point – no matter how slow they move – become liberal-democracies modeled after the West remains at the core of Western imaginations. In the West, especially in the United States, the ideological context of the Sino-West relations is cast as democracy versus communist despotism. That China is on the wrong side of history is never considered a question. Therefore, a peaceful and prosperous China must be a democratic China. This book raises a challenging question: “*why* China needs democracy?” The answer to this question will have a decisive impact on two practical issues: how would China start reforming its internal system and becoming a responsible member of the international community; and what could be the role of the United States and Europe in this process. As sociologist Amitai Etzioni pointed out, “Two generations ago, it was widely believed that the world progressed from tradition to modernity, this notion is currently viewed by many as naively optimistic.”<sup>17</sup>

The methodology of this study is conditioned on the fact that Chinese cultural tradition lacks ontology and teleology, which means that the Chinese language has no abstract nouns commonly used in Europe for metaphysical discourse, but only action-based gerunds. This is why the Chinese philosophers can never ask the typical Cartesian question “*que est-ce que c’est* (what is it)?” not to mention “*cogito ergo sum* (I think, therefore I am)”, but rather “where is the way (Tao 道)?” Life is a constant movement toward an unknown end, so finding a right way at a crossroad is the purpose for all human activities including political acts. Thus, the Chinese have never reached a conceptual position to search for

“legitimacy” in its ontological context. The abstract philosophical language created by European Enlightenment cannot describe China.

This study was originally intended for discussing four Chinese keywords concerning politics in a framework of Ludwig Wittgenstein. Starting with “legitimacy,” I have found out that, after 13 years of intellectual enquiry, these keywords require far more analytical scope than I originally envisioned. I have taken the sound advice from Professor Quentin Skinner to present each concept as a single volume rather than a single volume for all four concepts: these are “legitimacy,” “republicanism,” “economics” and “foreign relations,” and in this way the argument can be more consistent and focused.

My approach differs from prevailing scholarships on Chinese politics in two fundamental ways. I refuse to follow the so-called “Neo-Confucianist” approach, which is popular among China scholars overseas. They try to bring Chinese traditional concepts into modern Western setting, creating ahistorical and syncretic illusion of universal validity of Confucian culture and values.<sup>18</sup> Nor do I rely upon the analytical tools of Western political science or history to offer a grand narrative patterned after the Enlightenment orthodoxy. It is a genuine study of conceptual history, simply following the trajectory of a single concept as a speech-act, rather than abstract intellectual meditation, to describe its original meaning and its modern transformation.

Since I start this book with a major event, a religious controversy in China almost four centuries ago, I also end up with Pope John Paul II who was prescient in stressing the need for reviving the Jesuit *accommodatio* (accommodationist) approach to deal with China. Now the Jesuit Pope Francis seems to have followed his lead. China and the Vatican finally had made a breakthrough in their relations on September 22, 2018.<sup>19</sup> To do this, we have to restart the original debate in the 17th century. The current debate on China is mostly irrelevant precisely because it is largely ahistorical or pseudo-historical, and deeply rooted in a fixed conceptual framework, sustained by a whole set of semi-theological language on democracy. There is little room for serious dialogue anymore between Chinese civilization and that of the West.

## Notes

- 1 Many data issued by China’s official sources have proved this point. Just one example, on April 15, 2013, *People’s Forum*, a bulletin board service on the website of *People’s Daily*, the lead party paper, published the results of what it called a “confidence, faith, and trust” survey in the Chinese Communist Party’s (CCP) ability to bring about political reforms. Of the more than 3,000 people who took the poll, 80% did not agree overall. The poll consisted of four questions; each had four possible answers: “totally agree,” “agree,” “don’t know” and “disagree.” The first question asked, “Do you agree that the CCP has enough courage and wisdom to accelerate reform?” 72.1% said, “disagree.” The second question was, “Do you agree with the statement ‘to uphold and develop socialism with Chinese characteristics is conducive to the fundamental interests of the overwhelming majority in China?’” This time 82.1% chose “disagree.” For sources, please see [www.chinainperspective.com/ArtShow.aspx?AID=20739](http://www.chinainperspective.com/ArtShow.aspx?AID=20739).

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- It is true, however, that since Xi's ascendance to power most such polls have been suppressed, but the official claim that majority of Chinese still hold faith with the system is just propaganda, totally unreliable.
- 2 An utterance that performs an act or creates a state of affairs not just describes facts but demonstrates the importance of how language is used to accomplish objectives within specific situations.
  - 3 Wittgenstein Ludwig, *Culture and Value*, translated by Peter Winch, edited by G. H. von Wright. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1984.
  - 4 *Weber's Rationalism and Modern Society*, translated and edited by Tony Waters and Dagmar Waters. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015, p. 136–138.
  - 5 Bendix, Reinhard, *Max Weber: An Intellectual Portrait*. University of California Press, 1977, pp. 99–100.
  - 6 Ashcraft, Richard (ed.), *John Locke: Critical Assessments*. London: Routledge, 1991, p. 524.
  - 7 Sternberger Dolf, "Legitimacy", in *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, edited by D.L. Sills, Vol. 9. New York: Macmillan, 1968, p. 244. Sternberger also coined the term "constitutional patriotism." The term refers to a situation whereby an individual or a group feels a political attachment to the norms, values and, indirectly, procedures of a liberal democratic constitution.
  - 8 G. Leibniz, *Discourse on the Natural Theology of the Chinese*. University of Hawaii Press, 1977.
  - 9 By ideology, it means the body of ideas reflecting the social needs and aspirations of an individual, group, class or culture, i.e., a set of doctrines or beliefs that form the basis of a political, economic or other system.
  - 10 John Bowker, *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Politics*, edited by Iain McLean and Alistair McMillan. Oxford University Press, 1997.
  - 11 For recent works on "Confucian democracy," see Daniel Bell, and Li Chenyang (eds.), *The East Asian Challenge for Democracy: Political Meritocracy in Comparative Perspective*. Cambridge University Press, 2013; Tan Sor-Hoon, *Confucian Democracy: A Deweyan Reconstruction*. Albany: SUNY Press, 2003; Sunmoon Kim, *Confucian Democracy in East Asia, Theory and Practice*. Cambridge University Press, 2014.
  - 12 John Locke, *Two Treatises of Government*, (1689.), Cambridge University Press; Student.
  - 13 Montesquieu's *The Spirit of the Laws* started the tradition of attacking Chinese despotism.
  - 14 Chinese Rites Controversy (1645–1742) is a bitter dispute within the Catholic Church over a fundamental question brought about by the Jesuit missionaries in China: whether Chinese can become Christians and at the same time be allowed to maintain their cultural tradition in daily ceremonies, such as ancestor worship and pray at Confucian temples. The Jesuits believed in the accommodationist approach, but most others disagree. After a century of debate, which was entwined with Church politics, the Vatican decided against the Jesuits in a papal Bull of 1742.
  - 15 The leading Enlightenment scholars, such as Ernst Cassirer and Peter Gay, focused entirely on Europe; no reference was given to Confucius and China at all. This reflects the fact that the essence of Enlightenment was Eurocentric, and *philosophes* scholars never made real efforts to understand China, for they simply used China to support their cultural and political agenda.
  - 16 Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and The Spirit of Capitalism*, translated by Peter Baehr and Gordon C. Wells. Penguin Books, 2002.
  - 17 A. Etzioni, *The New Golden Rule, Community and Morality in a Democratic Society*. Basic Books, 1997, p. xvii.
  - 18 See works by Tu Wei-Ming and many others.
  - 19 See my analysis three months before the breakthrough, Lanxin Xiang, "China and the Vatican," *Survival*, vol. 60, no. 3, June 2018, London.



- 1 For a brilliant recent study on how the Chinese being made “yellow” and eventually a “peril”, see Michael Keevak, *Becoming Yellow: A Short History of Racial Thinking*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011.
- 2 Cries against the Jesuits rose louder and louder until on this day July 21, 1773, Pope Clement XIV dissolved the order completely.
- 3 For a detailed discussion of Jesuit political thought, see Harro Hoepfli, *Jesuit Political Thought*, especially chapters 5 and 6. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2004.
- 4 Wilfred Cantwell Smith, *The Meaning and End of Religion*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1959, 1991, paperback, p. 43.
- 5 Q11: add, Chan, Albert (1976), “João Rodrigues”, *Dictionary of Ming Biography, 1368–1644*, Vol. II: M–Z, New York: Columbia University Press, pp. 1145–47.
- 6 Luo Wenzao (罗文藻) (1616–1691) became the first Chinese priest in 1656 and the first Chinese Bishop in 1685. He was also known as George Lopez (Spanish: Gregorio Lopez) in the Philippines.
- 7 Claudia von Collani, “A Note on 300 Years Anniversary of the Kangxi Emperor’s Edict of Toleration”, *Sino-Western Relations Journal*, vol. 14, 1992, pp. 62–63.
- 8 Quoted in Alan Charles Kors, *Atheism in France, 1650–1729: The Orthodox Sources of Disbelief*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1990, pp. 171–172.
- 9 Ibid, note 8, Collani.
- 10 Dan. J. Li, trans., *China in Transition, 1517–1911*. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold Company, 1969, pp. 22–24.
- 11 Forbidden Place Museum ed., *Kangxi and the Correspondences with Papal Envoys from Rome*, in Chinese. Beijing, Forbidden City Museum, 1932, pp. 41–42.
- 2 Quoted in Louis K. Ho, *The Dragon and the Cross: Why European Christianity Failed to Take Roots in China*. www.Xulon.Press, p. 222.
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