

China Goes Green: Coercive Environmentalism for a Troubled Planet?



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What does it mean for the future of the planet when one of the world's most durable authoritarian governance systems pursues "ecological civilization"? China exemplifies a model of state-led environmentalism that concentrates decisive political, economic, and epistemic power under centralized leadership. Professor Shapiro, who has worked in China since the mid-1970s, will introduce the concrete mechanisms of China's coercive environmentalism to show how "going green" helps the state to further other agendas such as citizen surveillance and geopolitical influence.

Judith Shapiro is Professor of International Environmental Politics at American University's School of International Service. Her books *Mao's War Against Nature* (Cambridge, 2001) and *China's Environmental Challenges* (Polity 2012, 2016) are standard works in the field. She was one of the first Americans to teach in China after the 1976 death of Mao Zedong.

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