

**A COMPARISON BETWEEN WESTERN  
AND CHINESE POLITICAL IDEAS**

*The Difference and Complementarity of the Liberal-  
Democratic and Moral-Despotic Traditions*

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