

# **The Challenge of Labour in China**

Strikes and the changing labour regime  
in global factories

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