

Like many other aspects of its society and economy, China's current legal system represents a rich tapestry (or tangled web) of institutions and concepts, claiming complex origins both in China's own cultural past and its more ecumenical present, defying curt generalization and standard nomenclature. Recently, calls for law and policy with a Confucian bent have begun to appear alongside more "traditional" rule of law debates. What are possible ways to interpret this new development, and what does this portend for the future of China's legal system?

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