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The Moral Roots of Business East and West: China as Antidote to Stockholder Capitalism?

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The corporate governance scholarship of lawyers, economists, political economists, and financial economists have all almost universally assumed that corporate governance in China will converge on an Anglo-American model. China has in fact transplanted many of the forms of Anglo-American corporate governance, but two questions worth exploring are (1) whether western forms are appropriate to the Chinese situation or a more indigenous system of corporate governance should be developed, and (2) whether as China's economy grows in global influence Chinese business practices can influence those of the west. This talk lays the groundwork by addressing the second question in the context of whether Chinese corporate social responsibility practices could influence western business behavior.

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