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## China's "Ecological Civilization" and Its Implications for the Global South

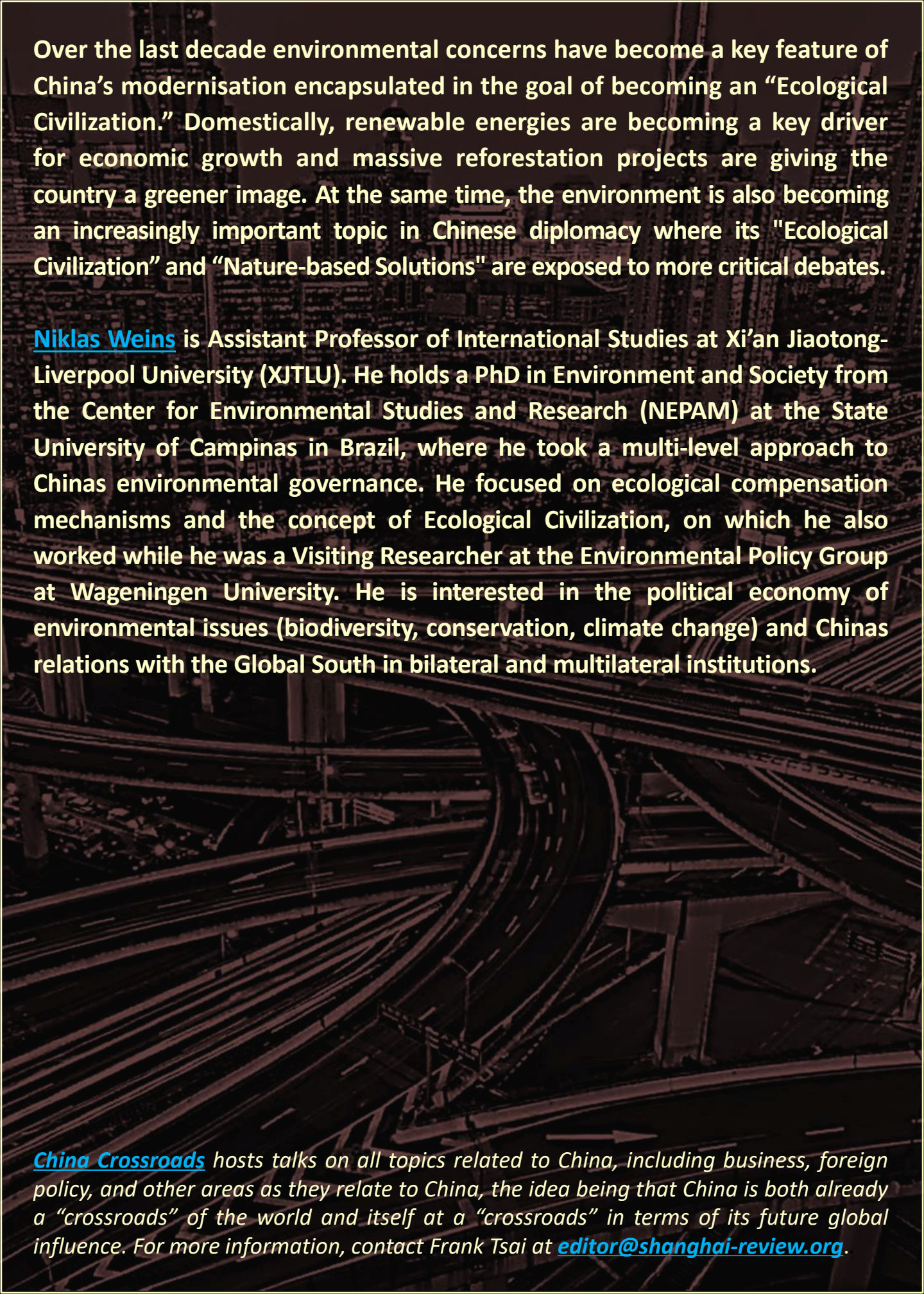
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Over the last decade environmental concerns have become a key feature of China's modernisation encapsulated in the goal of becoming an "Ecological Civilization." Domestically, renewable energies are becoming a key driver for economic growth and massive reforestation projects are giving the country a greener image. At the same time, the environment is also becoming an increasingly important topic in Chinese diplomacy where its "Ecological Civilization" and "Nature-based Solutions" are exposed to more critical debates.

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