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Europe has been experiencing another “China Shock” - rapidly rising Chinese exports of high-value-added and quality industries, directly competing with EU’s industries amidst geopolitical tensions. Why did it happen? What has led China’s new export wave with innovative tech and green quality which is different from the earlier wave in the early 2000s? The lecture will explain it by examining two crucial aspects of Chinese political economy: state capitalism and Chinese-style federalism. Indeed, these two systems are most important components of what define the path of economic development in China in the past four decades. Those who are interested in contemporary China and EU-China relations should study and understand these systems.

Lecture 1

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Development in China***

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Lecture 2

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