

## EDITOR'S PREFACE

China today is the world's "enigma wrapped in a mystery." Just as the former Soviet Union was once an unknown and feared other, China now faces the same level of misunderstanding and distrust. What we have attempted to do in this Symposium Issue is demythologize the People's Republic of China by providing the reader with the tools to evaluate and analyze contemporary issues in Chinese law for him/herself. We do offer a point of entry into a culture that continues to survive and thrive after 3000 years. China deserves our professional attention and our respect. Her scholars merit this and other opportunities to engage in meaningful dialog with colleagues around the world.

Most of all, I hope this issue makes us all think more about the role of China and other non-western countries in the evolution and development of the rule of law. We, as attorneys and other educated people, must expand our understanding of law to include the rich traditions of our non-western colleagues if we are to fully appreciate the opportunities in a truly global society.

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