

Public Speech by Dr. Minglu Chen

"From Economic Elite to Political Elite: Private Entrepreneurs in the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference"

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Summary

This speech describes the functions of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (PPCC) in contemporary Chinese political system as well as the Chinese new rich's political participation through this institution based on the case study of a northern Chinese city from 2010 to 2013. The speaker argues that PPCC serves as a channel for the Chinese party-state to coopt important interest groups into the local governance, and the same time, private entrepreneurs are actively seeking opportunities to influence on decision making in local politics.

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