

## **ASIEN 37 (Oktober 1990)**

Abstract

### **China's changing disease pattern und epidemiologic transition**

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The article traces changes in the structure of morbidity and mortality in rural and urban areas of China in the period 1949 to the present. It particularly emphasises the transition from a prevalence of acute infection diseases like respiratory diseases, TB and diarrheal diseases in the early years of the PRC to the present preponderance of chronic degenerative diseases like heart diseases, strokes and cancers. However, present day China not having completed the epidemiological transition, continues to be plagued with lingering problems and comebacks of certain acute infection diseases.