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Abstract

### **Was ist Neokonservatismus? Notizen zum politischen Denken in der VR China in den 90er Jahren**

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Neoconservatism seems to have become a mainstream in Chinese political thinking since the early 90s. It can be heuristically divided into political and cultural (intellectual) neoconservatism, both of them aiming at a new legitimization of political authority in present-day China. Neoconservatism is as much a consequence of the eroding ideological power basis of the Communist Party as a reaction of China's intellectuals to postmodern theory. Closely connected to the new trend of nationalist thinking in China, its theoretical influence even on the so-called liberal camp should not be underestimated.