

Gastvortrag am Institut für Sinologie der Universität Freiburg

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## **China's New Economic Elites: Family histories and social change**

The emergence of the new rich in China has had a significant impact on local power structures. While the interaction of politics and economics is well understood, local elites and power relations may also be shaped through the influence of families in given localities. Fieldwork in Lanzhou, Qingdao, Taiyuan, Zhongshan, Nanjing, and Kunming has proceeded from analysis of contemporary economic and political leadership in each locality to develop historical perspectives on elite formation. Research has highlighted the significance of family background back to before 1949 in the emergence of contemporary economic elites; the extent to which the new economic elites have parents in the party-state, and grandparents in the pre-1949 ruling class; and the importance of historically-based family narratives to individual behaviour.



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