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*State Capitalism in China 19 State Capitalism in China Yasheng Huang1 One way to characterize Chinese economy today is that it is an econom-ic system rooted in "state capitalism."*

Despite so much attention being spent on the woes of the Chinese stock market and currency wars, in other fields the Chinese state continues its liberalizing reforms. Some continue to claim China is not a capitalist social formation, and rural China and its land system are taken as major pieces of evidence. But this stance can no longer be maintained. Chinese agriculture is undergoing a rapid transformation as it is subsumed by capitalism. In order to understand rural China and contemporary peasant conflicts, therefore, we need to focus our attention on the processes of agrarian change and class differentiation that capitalism brings to the rural sphere. A recent special issue of the *Journal of Agrarian Change* volume 15, issue 3, July makes this clear. The eight articles offer new insights into the changing terrain of social and environmental antagonisms in China today, which have implications for how we conceive of anti-capitalist intervention there and elsewhere. Below we summarize points of interest from each article. In future writings, we will elaborate on points raised here and relate them to other debates to draw out their political implications. The policy history is probably familiar to most of our readers, and is summarized quite differently in our old article on peasant struggles 2: In the s, however, factors such as the household registration hukou system forced such migrants to return to the countryside after a few years, and peasant movements against the predation of local officials grew to a scale and intensity that posed a serious threat to the Chinese party-state. Some of the studies in this collection, summarized below, provide further evidence of the central role of capital in this process, and details about how it has influenced the lives of the rural poor these polices are supposed to benefit. This is in part due to the fact that rural China studies has been dominated by political science, a result of the Cold War shaping of China studies, and to a lesser extent sociology, and the latter have tended to shift to a quantitative approach to understanding rural China. He argues that rural China is undergoing a dramatic transformation, one that most scholars are missing, under the pressure of capitalist accumulation strategies. Looking at four sectors of commodification of land, of labor, of outputs, and of inputs , Zhang develops a qualitative description of five classes in rural China, and then outlines the class dynamic of each in this moment of agrarian change. One reason some still argue that China is socialist or at least non-capitalist is that rural land is nominally owned by the rural collective and is not a form of private property. Overall, Zhang argues that capital dominates each of the four sectors of commodification he looks at. The five rural classes are: Zhang does not discuss subsistence farmers to any extent, in part, assumedly, because they have been discussed too much already. Their success has often led to them being invited to become local leaders, allowing them to further cash in on political connections. Petty bourgeoisie farmers are in a less stable position. But they are still dependent on the market to sell their output and buy inputs. In a more precarious position, there is a strong tendency of differentiation among them ; they often either move up to become successful entrepreneurial farmers or down to sell their labor or even become subsistence farmers. The main problem they are confronted with is the competition to increase productivity through more and more expensive inputs and technological changes. Wages have been used, in other words, to capitalize and commodify family farming as well as subsistence. Others became wage workers because of their loss of land altogether. They do so in order to argue against Philip Huang and others who, they say, take a Chayanovian populist perspective on rural inequality. The state has identified and given policy and financial support to cooperatives, family farms, and dragon-head enterprises in order to scale-up agriculture, supposedly leading to greater productivity and capitalist accumulation in the countryside. Yan and Chen are critical of pro-peasant advocates for believing that recent rural change amounts to a struggle between outside capital and internal peasant developments. The main target of criticism, however, is Philip Huang, who for Yan and Chen represents a Chayanovian populist position within rural China studies. Chayanov, in contradistinction to Lenin, argued that differentiation among peasants was mainly due to demographic and generational factors, not capitalist subsumption and secular trends. Giving Huang this Chayanovian hat is a bit misplaced: Huang is not one to dismiss secular and historical trends in agrarian change. Likewise, specialized

rural cooperatives which the authors argue are mostly fronts for private enterprises have played a similar role, strengthening vertical integration and facilitating capitalist subsumption. As such, successful family farms do not represent an alternative to capitalism but a key agent of its development. To that end, he outlines changes in land institutions and policies starting with land reform from , to collectivization in the period from , to the Household Responsibility System HRS that started with reform in and continues today. This second line of argument, never fully elaborated, is perhaps the most Chayanovian in this collection. Ye proposes that in the convergence of land transfers and agricultural modernization, peasant livelihoods are at risk and need to be protected from full-scale land marketization. So while the paper serves as an accessible overview of key land policies and moments of change, it could go further analytically. Who is this outside capital, and who are the peasants? What, precisely, are the mechanisms of land transfer from peasant households. Do agribusinesses court individual households, or are there cooperative arrangements and agreements? And perhaps most importantly, where is the critical engagement with the assumptions that underlie notions like modern agriculture and food security? This is, of course, much too simple. Zhan calls this the land revenue regime, a departure from the local state corporatism regime a la Jean C. Oi that preceded it in the early days of reform. While local state corporatism promoted rural industry by supporting and involving most rural residents in industrial production, the land revenue regime forced almost all village-based rural enterprises to close and replaced them with a small number of very large corporations, which were concentrated in industrial parks. As a result, rural residents lost their enterprises and jobs while at the same time they were excluded from large industrial corporations and profitable urban sectors. While both the current and previous accumulation regimes serve to generate local revenue, Zhan tracks differences in how each regime regulates property rights and rural livelihoods. Under the regime of local state corporatism, rural residents were entitled to access land and means of livelihood based on village resources. Under the land revenue regimes, however, the rights and livelihoods of rural residents are separated from village resources. After village land was expropriated, for example, the land became the property of local government, and the rural residents were no longer entitled to profits or employment opportunities generated from village resources. He goes on to detail two phases in the separation of rural residents from village resources: Zhan effectively highlights the mechanisms of change in these two accumulation regimes, with collective enterprises serving as the source of surplus under local state corporatism, while it is private real estate development in the land revenue regime. He ends the article with a fatal prescription for the current regime: In other words, the land revenue regime contains the recipe for its own demise. Leizhou is the largest center of shrimp aquaculture in China for both domestic sale and export, the industry employing over a million people including , shrimp farmers as of Ecologically, high-intensity farming has degraded the pond environment and made the shrimp more stressed, rendering them more vulnerable to disease. Economically, overproduction causes the value of shrimp to depreciate, making it difficult for farmers to get out of poverty. After only two weeks of mobilizing work in , eight households formed a co-op. Regarding the former, in this case the competition-induced economic and ecological vicious circles drove many villagers to give up shrimp farming in favor of labor migration. The company managed to overcome the ecological problems that had come to plague household-based shrimp farmers by making technological upgrades that would have been financially and logistically impossible for the villagers to pull off. These strategies have managed to increase the intensity of the workday beyond that of the family farm, and to employ full-time workers year-round in contrast with traditional agriculture in general. At this point we are aware of no collective struggles of agricultural wage-laborers as such in China – perhaps this is simply because so few researchers have recognized the development of capitalist relations in Chinese agriculture until now. They then use national and provincial level data to test two hypotheses: This is an almost entirely apolitical piece of work that does little to enrich our understanding of agrifood and dietary change in China today. It leaves aside, for instance, the formation and reproduction of class diets that result in well- and over-fed middle and upper class urban consumers and burgeoning agribusiness profits on the one hand, and persistent malnutrition in the countryside on the other. These are structural issues, which cannot be captured through econometric analysis alone. Nonetheless, the essay introduces concepts and comparisons with other countries that are interesting and possibly useful for our own investigations and analysis. The rest of the essay

uses these questions to analyze the six China studies summarized above, along with other sources. The other pieces also illustrate several pressures toward the de facto commodification of land: These are presented in a second table: To fill this gap, Bernstein draws on other sources to create a third heuristic table: The latter observation is one point where we tend to agree with Bernstein, which we will explore in our forthcoming work. We took that article down, revised and updated it considerably, and are preparing to publish it in the first issue of the *Chuang* journal, ETA spring. Our emphasis is indicated with bold, original emphasis with italics. Since , the capitalist transformation of agriculture has proceeded apace. While the government maintains a

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### 2: From Mao to the Market Community Capitalism in Rural China | Xiaoshuo Hou - [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)

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By comparing and contrasting three industrial villages in China demonstrating different mixes along the organizational continuum from market economy to collectivist economy, this article offers an alternative model of development that combines market production and distribution with redistribution and the building of public goods based on group boundaries. This alternative market activity is named community capitalism, a concept that has the potential to mitigate the sharp dichotomy between state socialism and market economy. It is the interaction and mixes of the two that determine the path of development local communities embark on. First, despite its tremendous economic growth and its remarkable performance in the global marketplace, its political system remains largely untouched, though there are attempts to bring in democracy at the very local level, such as the direct elections in the villages. This leaves space for considerable local variations. Second, what makes the Chinese transition unique must include its cultural traditions. Despite the different polities, China has, perhaps, more in common with East Asian economies, like Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore, than other former socialist countries. Much of its foreign trade and investment came from the newly industrialized economies in the region during the early stage of the reform, and it is, to a large extent, still the case to date. How important are those traditional values to villages under the pressure from industrialization and market mechanisms? How much are socialist values still relevant to rural communities? Third, since the Maoist era, China has adopted a very unbalanced development strategy in favor of those living in towns and cities. Rural issues in China are thus significant in their own right. There are mainly three major bodies of literature analyzing who receives the economic benefits and who gains power as market mechanisms are introduced, and what accounts for the transition and emergence of a private economy in China. The first is market transition theory, initiated by Victor Nee in his study of household income in rural China Cao and Nee, ; Nee, , , ; Nee and Cao, Institutional change in post-socialist societies is conceptualized as a transition from a redistributive economy to a market economy. There are several variations on the market transition theory. One apparent contradiction to the market power thesis is the lingering redistributive power and the persistence of socialist institutions Bian and Logan, ; Parish and Michelson, Another modification of the market transition theory is related to its dichotomy of market and redistribution. Scholars since then have started to pay more attention to the process of transition rather than the outcome. Zhou proposes the co-evolution of market and state. Walder notes that in rural China the shift from agriculture to industry may have a deeper impact on institutional changes than the shift from plan to market, as returns to private entrepreneurship decline with the expansion of wage labor, while the advantages of cadre families remain stable across forms of economic expansion. He also suggests that the fate of the communist-era elite depends on the combinations of different processes of regime change and the extent, pace and form of privatization Walder, An important limitation of the market transition theory, as Nan Lin correctly points out, is its view of a market economy as the end product, and anything other than a market economy as transitory, while in fact other forms may persist or even provide possibilities for alternatives The majority of the market transition literature focuses on the impact of institutional changes on stratification, and uses economic capital or, more specifically, income as the major measurement of other forms of capital. However, why economic capital should be the dominant form of capital in transitional China is not justified. In much of Chinese history, including the communist era, there has been a tendency to downplay the value or effectiveness of economic capital. Even in a market economy, economic capital is not the only means of rewarding or measuring social status, and the market itself is embedded in different social relations and sense-making mechanisms. In addition, it does not account for local variations under the same set of state reform policies Lin, As the state becomes increasingly decentralized, more autonomy and authority, and hence more responsibilities, are passed down to local governments. To what extent are local and central cadres rational? How do multiple ties affect

one another? Clearly, cadres have other social responsibilities to meet, especially for those in rural China. A village is not only an administrative unit, but also a community, and for some industrialized villages, a large corporation too. The third analysis is of the sociocultural roots of transition Hamilton and Kao, ; Lin, ; Lin and Chen, ; Whyte, . These scholars attribute the rising private economy to family-centered or kinship-based obligation and trust. Market and command forces pull their strings through social networks. Family or kinship, as a traditional and enduring social institution, after several decades of transformation under Mao, assumes two features: As a result, when economic reforms provide ideological and institutional support for private entrepreneurship, family becomes the dominant way of organizing economic undertakings, and family and pseudo-family networks become the major channels of resource mobilization. This approach counter-balances the overemphasis on privatization or economic organization in the first two paradigms. However, just as it criticizes market transition theory for not being able to cover local variations, it also fails to account for why one type of social network, such as family ties, is stronger in certain areas than in others, and why people choose one set of ties over the other. The question, therefore, is who, and under what circumstances, uses which kinds of ties. In sum, I argue that changes in property rights alone cannot explain the dynamics of social change in China, and it is the interaction between the economic and political institutions, together with local socioeconomic resources, that determines which path of development local communities will embark on. I propose that the local variations may well provide alternatives to the sharp dichotomy between communism and capitalism, state and market. One of these possible alternatives is what I call community capitalism, which combines market production and distribution with redistribution and the provision of public goods based on group boundaries. In the following sections, I explain the mechanisms of community capitalism, and provide three cases to illustrate this conceptualization. Theoretical Propositions Community capitalism represents an alternative model of development for transitional societies. Here community is widely defined as a group with a commonly recognized identity and where group members more or less share common interests. Villages are not considered to be official administrative units but self-governing entities in China, although the Party-State does penetrate into them. Community capitalism mobilizes and organizes economic, political and social capital at the community level to compete for resources at the upper levels and in the global market. At the local level, it provides public goods and social welfare benefits, such as housing, education and health care, to community members through redistribution. The model is sustained by common values and group boundaries created by community membership, and family and pseudo-family networks, at the core of which are usually the community elite who have come into power. Community capitalism is different from both traditional state socialism and free market capitalism. First of all, it is capitalist, as communities actively participate in the market and produce for profits. In fact, all of the three villages that I discuss are not only communities but also collectively owned corporations, and one of them has already been listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. Second, the village government works as an executive board to distribute resources and welfare benefits, and, at the same time, makes economic decisions and competes for resources from upper-level administrations on behalf of the villagers. As a result, community is both a unit of redistribution and an entity competing in the market. In addition, villages maintain collectivist values as a sense-making mechanism to justify the profit-driven activities, hold onto their members and sustain the model. To some extent, community capitalism is a capitalist form of economic arrangement without the introduction of the full set of capitalist values. Local states both guide and participate in economic activities, and traditional family values as well as the legacies of socialism play an important role in providing a safety net for the villagers and achieving social cohesion. Three Local Variations In this section, I analyze three industrial villages Figure 1 , all among the ten wealthiest villages in China, along the axes of ownership structure, institutional arrangements, and culture and social networks. The villages are organized on a continuum from market economy to collectivist economy, demonstrating various forms of organizational hybrids Table 1. Data in this section are based on my field research in China from to . Village locations are marked by the author. Meanwhile, over the past three decades, the village has developed dozens of collectively owned and operated factories and companies ranging from food-processing to pharmaceuticals, and has thus been able to provide its villagers with better social welfare than most other rural communities in

China. Huaxi Village, in Jiangsu province, is one of the representatives of the famous Sunan or Southern Jiangsu model, and now the richest village in China. While the halo over the township and village enterprises (TVEs) characteristic of the Sunan model lost its glamour in the 1990s, Huaxi has stayed on its path with the innovation of a property system in which each villager becomes a shareholder in the village enterprises. Data in parentheses are for the original Huaxi village. The average annual income here does not include the savings of each household. Shangyuan Village, on the other hand, is located in Wenzhou, Zhejiang province, a place known for its prosperous family businesses and hard-working private entrepreneurs. Despite its thriving private economy, Shangyuan Village retains collective control over the use of land, something similar to a shareholding land cooperative. The village developed several commercial clusters including a low-voltage electrical equipment market and a nonferrous metal market, and distributes dividends to the villagers from the rent collected. In this way, villagers are guaranteed a minimum income, housing and a storefront. Meanwhile, because of those marketplaces, the boom in real estate prices supplies the villagers with extra economic benefits. As a result, while competing in the market, private entrepreneurs are provided with a safety net sustained by collective planning for the land. In the cities, land is owned by the state, while in the villages, land is officially owned by the collective, a policy left over from the commune era. However, a bundle of property rights has been transferred to peasants in most of the villages by means of leasing. However, agricultural land remains collectively owned, and the current year leasing term to the peasants is untouched by the law. This means that peasants cannot sell or buy land, and they are unable to borrow against it as a mortgage for cash to invest in tools, machinery or other products. While land is collectively owned, the use of land in many villages has been privatized, although the village can adjust land distribution at the end of each lease. However, the right of land use is also collectively owned in the case of Nanjie and Huaxi, while in Shangyuan the use right is leased back to the collective so that the village can be planned as a whole. Each household in Shangyuan in turn gets a storefront that it can either rent to others or use to run its own businesses, an apartment and dividends from the collectively owned rental markets. For Nanjie and Huaxi, the factors of production land, labor, capital, technology and organization are controlled by the collective as a large communally owned corporation. For Shangyuan, only land and a certain amount of capital and organization are controlled by the collective, as private household businesses are prevalent. All of the three villages are registered as corporations, although, in the case of Nanjie and Huaxi, villagers are not only shareholders but also employees. Distribution in Nanjie and Huaxi, on the other hand, is two-fold: Shangyuan is similar, except for the fact that the market plays a larger role. Some cadres are allowed to sign bills for dining at the village restaurants and accommodation at the village hotel to the collective account, and salespeople can also be reimbursed for their phone bills and when providing gifts to current or potential clients. At the same time, the community provides its members with free basic consumer products and services such as food, furnished apartments, internet access, medical care, etc. Therefore, people do not need to spend much cash while they stay in the community. Of course, lack of cash or disposable income will pose problems when villagers travel outside the community. In a sense, this consumption mechanism maintains group boundaries but also limits mobility. Every family has a house, though with different square footages, and at least one car. As a result, the distribution system in Huaxi is unique. It is a mix of three forms: To explain the system in more detail, before 1992, for each village factory, 20 percent of the profits were ploughed back into the factory, and the remaining 80 percent were retained by the corporate group. In addition to the bonus linked to the profits of the factories, each villager also has a fixed annual bonus that is three times their base salary. Retired villagers females at the age of 50 and males at the age of 55 receive pensions ranging from 13,000 yuan per year, and all of their dining expenses and 90 percent of their health expenses are covered by the village. Migrant workers, on the other hand, do not have dividends or factory shares. Therefore, how much to be distributed for personal disposal and how much to be held for reinvestment is constrained by the decisions of the leadership.

*Zhang concludes that what has been largely missed in discussions of rural China is that it has been "fundamentally" transformed by capitalism, arguing that "family farming in today's China is no less capitalistic than corporate farming organized by agribusiness using wage labor" ().*

However, it claims that this sector is one of the many components of a mixed economy, in which the public sector and the power of the state must be strengthened. Are such statements accurate? Do they deserve to be taken seriously? Is Chinese socialism over? We do not think so. Yet in debates among Marxist thinkers, most of them say that the Chinese economy is now capitalist. Characteristics of Chinese Market Socialism For Marx, capitalism implies a pronounced separation between producing value through labor, and owning the means of production. In this schema, the owners of capital do not work in production. This is the case in current Western financial capitalism, where management is delegated to managers and corporate profit takes the form of shareholder value. However, under this criteria, small Chinese enterprises, of which there are many, are more akin to family or craft production than to the capitalist mode of production in the strictest sense. The capital-labor separation is often very relative: The persistence of powerful and modernized planning, which takes various modalities and mobilizes different tools according to the sectors concerned. A form of political democracy that makes possible the collective choices that underpin this planning. Very extensive public services, which condition political, social, and economic citizenship and, as such, are off the market or weakly marketable. Public ownership of land and natural resources—state-owned at the national level and collective at the local level—thereby guaranteeing farmers access to land. Diverse forms of ownership suitable to the socialization of productive forces: In addition, there is capitalist property, which was maintained and even at times encouraged during the long socialist transition in order to stimulate activity and make effective other forms of property. A general policy consisting of increasing labor income relative to other sources of income. The promotion of social justice from a more egalitarian perspective. The preservation of nature, considered to be inseparable from social progress, as a goal of development in order to maximize wealth. Economic relations between states based on a win-win principle, that is, systematically seeking mutual benefits. Political relations between states based on the pursuit of peace and more equitable relationships. These points are the subject of fierce debate, both in China and abroad, analysis of which must be deepened without prejudice or preconceptions. In a rather socialist fashion, the state allocates dividends from a special support fund for SOEs, which also benefit from credit and interest rate advantages. Part of the strength of these SOEs comes from the fact that they are not managed like Western private companies, which are listed on the stock exchange and oriented toward maximizing shareholder value with dividend distribution, stock valorization, and high returns on investment by pressuring subcontractors. If Chinese public entities operated in such a way, it would be to the detriment of the local industrial fabric, which is obviously not the case. Most Chinese SOEs are, or have become, profitable because the principle that guides them is not the enrichment of shareholders, but productive investment and service rendered to customers. It does not matter if their profits are lower than those of their Western competitors; they serve in part to stimulate the rest of the economy. One of the specificities of these public companies is to pay relatively little—around 10 percent—in dividends to the state shareholder. Today, many foreign experts advocate increasing these dividends and the Securities Regulatory Commission sometimes seems to lean in this direction. Instead, it would be better for the Chinese state to introduce a tax on capital in the form of rent for the provision of property, and profitable companies could retain a larger share of the profits for investment, as well as research and development. There is every reason to believe that this is one of the essential explanations for the performance of the Chinese economy. This is probably also related to the size of SOEs: The shareholder logic would run counter to such participation—a participation that must be strengthened. Another advantage is that these SOEs can more easily meet planning objectives. This is not a question of imposing political tasks that would reduce their autonomy and weigh on their results, but it is to say that by controlling the appointment and management of leaders, public authorities on which many companies depend have the means to ensure that they act

appropriately in public services as well as in the market sectors that planning can help guide, such as through subsidies and taxation. In China, social services, such as education, health care, and pensions, are wholly or mostly controlled by the state, namely, the central government or, more often, local governments. Such services do not provide goods marketed by the private sector, but rather social goods necessary for individuals to be thriving political, social, and economic subjects—“who are in good health, have access to employment, enjoy public transportation, are educated, and so on. However, public services are considered strategic goods in that they provide essential inputs for the rest of the economy: While the private sector is considered complementary or stimulating, the state favors the public sector in the exercise of competition. Hence, through the adoption of this coherent strategy of development focused on large public services, what is at stake here is also the defense of national sovereignty. This planning, which looks to a future in a world marked by uncertainty, is the expression of collective choices and a general will. It is the crystallization of a common national destiny and the means for people to become its master in all spheres of life, from consumption to housing. These choices are made by the CCP for citizens, with the principle of consultation increasingly posited as a necessity. This strong strategic planning, with modernized techniques adapted to the needs of the present, by means such as subsidized rates, price controls, and public orders, is one of the distinctive features of a socialist system. Nevertheless, today we are obviously far from the egalitarian ideal of socialism. China remains a country with immense social inequality. We must not, however, take lightly that the Chinese state is consistently opposed to this moral degradation. There is a continuation of the ideals of socialism—“not just of a social justice restricted to limited redistribution of income, that employs notions of fairness to justify inequality, or exploits representative democracy effectively to eradicate the participation of people.

### Controlling the Banking System and Financial Markets

Many economists consider the current Chinese financial system to be obsolete and call for its modernization, that is, its incorporation into the extended financial markets that they believe are necessary for growth. These reforms have followed those previously taken by SOEs, which were empowered and given increasing autonomy with regard to following the Five-Year Plan; transformed into joint stock companies; and encouraged to adopt market-management criteria, to draw on the methods of market finance, and to develop partnerships with foreign investors. Thus, the initial public offerings of the largest banks—Bank of China, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, and China Construction Bank—were preceded by the entry of foreign institutions into their capital structures, such as Goldman Sachs, UBS, and Bank of America, respectively, in order to facilitate the learning of corporate governance. We must be careful not to confuse modernization in this sphere with the adoption of capitalist methods. It is far from clear that a choice in favor of market finance has been made, seeing as interventions into the financial system by monetary authorities remain massive and the pragmatism of their approach is perceptible. The Chinese public authorities are experiencing both advances and setbacks in the context of a deeper, but contradictory, integration of the country into globalization. This was particularly true during each phase of the economic slowdown after 2008, marked by a stimulation of bank credits to correct the disorders of finance. At the turn of the 2010s, following the crisis of 2009, banks that had engaged in adventurous operations, such as insurance and real estate, had already been banned from doing so between 2008 and 2010, even though they have since been allowed to conduct operations combining bank credits and financial markets. Chinese political leaders know the benefits of banking intermediation and are aware of the serious malfunctioning of financial markets, regularly calling for the reform of the world monetary and financial order. Furthermore, despite reforms, interest rates are still largely administered. For the interest rates that have been liberalized, the supply of credit is strongly controlled by the central bank, notably through reserve requirements. The easing of some constraints imposed on banks to fix rates on deposits should not cause us to forget that, historically, monetary authorities have willingly reduced the remuneration on deposits to a minimum under the inflation rate and this has not altered the national savings rate, which still remains very high. One of the specificities and strengths of the Chinese economy is the voluntarist twist in factor prices. State authorities with a macroscopic view of the risks are the only ones able to guide the economy according to a plan. Thus, in the debate on interest rates, we lean toward maintaining some degree of control. The expansion of the private sphere logically implies a rise in the stock market. Nevertheless, the latter should remain limited. Whereas the stock market can be useful for

the private sector, public enterprises must, on the contrary, rely on it less and less as they increase their self-financing capacities and provide the funds available to the state for carrying out capital increases. For the time being, the opening of the equity market to international investors is restricted to allegedly qualified players. The authorities, who are rightly suspicious of speculative movements, have so far prohibited foreign firms from issuing shares in yuan in the domestic market. To release these brakes, particularly to advance toward full convertibility of the yuan and its supposed advantages, would involve submitting to the powerful financial oligopolies, especially U. The use of the stock market should remain as limited as possible and should not lead to aligning with the shareholder value model. A Coherent Domestic Development Strategy A feature often emphasized in describing the success of the Chinese economy is the boom in its exports of goods and services since the early s, especially in the year This strategy is focused on a more domestically oriented model and the maintenance of very powerful state sectors such as energy, transportation, telecommunications, raw materials, semi-finished products, construction, and the banking system. It is especially the rise in internal demand, stimulated by a sharp increase in household consumption and very active state capital expenditure—particularly infrastructure—which guides their optimistic investment programs. The accelerated pace of labor productivity gains is helping support the rapid growth in industrial real wages, while the rise in Chinese labor costs relative to other competing countries in the global South is not detrimental to competition. Exports play a supporting role, as does foreign direct investment, since over half of exports come from foreign firms based in China. This makes it possible to understand that in , for example, the negative net contribution of exports to Gross Domestic Product GDP growth The GDP growth forecast for is 6. It is often said that the success of Chinese exports would be due to the very low cost of labor. This is a largely insubstantial assessment: Thus the share devoted to consumption in the national income increases relative to that of investment. Investment in services to households and enterprises is also progressing. In addition, the financing of real estate, including the credit system, is more controlled. Treasury and the restructuring of European sovereign debts, crystallizes another point of tension. Between the summer of —when China decided to stop linking its currency to the dollar—and the spring of , the value of the renminbi appreciated, in real terms, by 32 percent against the dollar. However, among the criteria available, the ratio of the current account balance to GDP is most widely used by the U. Applying this measure to China, marked by the weight of bilateral trade with the United States, we see that the Chinese ratio fell from The undervaluation of the renminbi is, therefore, not obvious when one refers to the standard most often employed by the United States. The first two conditions are essential requirements, but the last two are not, as they have not always been respected by Western countries with currencies used as international reserves. The critical size has clearly been attained: The criterion on macro policies also seems to be fulfilled, as the adoption of anti-inflationary measures, public accounts control, and renminbi price control have yielded favorable results in recent years. If inflationary pressure remains a danger, the price stability index is better in China than in other BRICS countries. Public debt is contained at lower levels than in most Western countries themselves. The indices of variability of the national currency also show a less volatile renminbi than the real, the rupee, the ruble, and the rand. Nevertheless, regarding the opening of the capital account and further integration of Chinese financial markets into the global system, it must be recognized that despite the adoption of market mechanisms for monetary policy, easing some regulations related to the capital account and the determination of the renminbi, the Chinese monetary authorities continue to have powerful tools of control. Similarly, the renminbi is used to a limited extent in the over-the-counter derivatives market and is still concentrated on conventional hedging instruments, such as forwards. Nevertheless, such an orientation would mean an injurious submission to globally dominant high finance and a relative loss of control over monetary policy. How would China succeed in taking advantage of an internationalized renminbi without paying a heavy price, and would it mean renouncing the full exercise of its national sovereignty and a reduction in the autonomy of its development strategy? Today, domestic pressures strongly favor financial market liberalization, but are still dampened by the reassuring, rather credible, official discourses about the control of the reform process.

## 4: Capitalism Loses Ground in China

*State capitalism is an economic system in which the state undertakes commercial (i.e. for-profit) economic activity and where the means of production are organized and managed as state-owned business enterprises (including the processes of capital accumulation, wage labor and centralized management), or where there is otherwise a dominance of corporatized government agencies (agencies).*

About November 14, last updated The declaration represented a major shift: State enterprises control about 30 percent of all assets in the country, according to one study cited by the World Bank. In late and early , Xi and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang announced more specifics of how they planned to help market forces play that decisive role in the Chinese economy. They trumpeted land reforms designed to make it easier for rural Chinese to sell their land, changes that would allow some state firms to go bankrupt and be liquidated, quicker approval processes for Chinese entrepreneurs and for potential foreign investors, an opening up of some energy projects to private companies, and an end to state-mandated prices in some sectors. The two men promised that private companies would be treated equally, before the law, as state-owned Chinese firms, the first time any Chinese leaders had made such a pledge. In September , Beijing announced more proposed reforms, including plans to push state companies to sell public shares, giving boards of state enterprises more independence, and loosening restrictions on hiring and salary for state firms in order to attract better management talent from the private sector, among other changes. In fact, over the past decade, Beijing actually has taken back control of many parts of the economy, such as energy, commodities and information technology. In fact, although China has been the focus of nearly all discussion of the trend in the West, it is only one player in a new era of state capitalism born over the past decade. Throughout the developing world, many governments are increasing their intervention in their economies. For one thing, the number of countries where the state controls more than one-third of the largest companies has steadily risen since the late s, when post-Cold War privatizations in former communist-bloc countries and other developing nations in Africa, Latin America and Asia put this figure at its low point. In addition, global economic surveys show that state intervention in economies has also increased since the s, particularly among the countries that do control more than one-third of the biggest domestic firms. Several of the annual-ratings surveys that analyze economic freedom confirm that the growth of free market capitalism has stalled and reversed globally since the mids, in part because of the rise of state capitalism. Criteria include legal systems that provide for voluntary exchange controlled by markets; property rights and protection from theft; freedom to enter and compete in markets; freedom to trade internationally; regulation; and government control of corporations. The most prominent study, the Index of Economic Freedom produced annually by Washington think tank the Heritage Foundation, has arrived at similar findings. Heritage assesses categories like property rights and the degree of freedom in fiscal policy, investment, trade and business to analyze the overall state of economic freedom in each nation. It then compiles regional and global averages of economic freedom and adherence to free market economics. Although the Heritage Foundation is considered a relatively conservative and partisan organization in its approach to U. The most recent findings, from , revealed that the global advance toward economic freedom, which had taken off in the late s and early s, has stagnated. The lull registered over the preceding five years, the index reported, is in large part due to the growth of state capitalism—“as defined by growing state intervention in the economy”—in the developing world. In Latin America, Asia, sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East, economic freedom regressed or stagnated, and state intervention increased, since the latter half of the s. In addition, polling across developing countries reveals deteriorating trust in free markets and free politics, and a growing interest in alternative, more interventionist models, as well as in leaders who do not necessarily uphold democratic norms. For one, across the developing world over the past decade, the first and second generations of elected leaders have, with some exceptions, proven to be almost as autocratic as the autocrats they replaced. Some leaders, such as former President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and Prime Minister Najib Razak of Malaysia, seemed to believe that they needed only to win elections, after which they could use their power to destroy the rule of law, the judiciary, the loyal opposition, the independent

bureaucracy and other checks and balances that comprise the constitutional elements of democracy. And even in countries that have not made the transition to democracy, like China, new generations of leaders cannot keep themselves in power through repression alone, unlike the totalitarian dictators of the 20th century. Instead, both the elected autocrats and even the leaders of modern authoritarian societies like China or Vietnam rely on mild repression—at least compared to their 20th century counterparts—while producing strong economic growth to retain their popularity and legitimacy. The ideal type of growth for these leaders, then, is delivered by modern state capitalism. When successful, this model opens economies to the world enough to build trade surpluses, generate sufficient growth to absorb labor-market entrants, strengthen leading industries, and promote innovation. But it simultaneously makes the government itself more dominant over the economy and, potentially, the political system. Some leaders seemed to believe that they needed only to win elections, after which they could use their power to destroy the rule of law, the judiciary and other constitutional elements of democracy. The global financial crisis of the late s dented the hegemony of the so-called Washington Consensus, which held that a combination of free-market economics and democratic politics is necessarily the wisest course for developing nations. Even before the global recession, though, leaders in young post-Cold War democracies, and their advocates in the West, too often oversold democracy as an immediate panacea for economic woes, suggesting that democratization would bring rapid growth. When economies in post-Soviet and Eastern Bloc countries, as well as in Africa and Latin America, struggled while democratizing in the s, many publics soured on the notion of democracy itself. This had many effects: It sometimes led to an outright return to autocracy, whether through a coup or some other extra-constitutional means to remove democratically elected leaders, like violent street protests that forced them to give up office or precipitated a military intervention in politics. In some countries, such as Kenya, Hungary and Nigeria, publics lost hope in democracy, but they still generally held to a belief in free-market economics. And still in other countries, like Brazil, Indonesia and South Africa, the drawbacks of the Washington Consensus—and the strong growth registered by some countries that did not follow it—created a yearning for different economic paradigms, even as publics remained strongly in favor of democratic political systems. This yearning for alternative economic models is now deeply rooted, and not linked to global business cycles. In many developing countries, this shift toward state capitalism has become ingrained, and will be difficult to roll back even if people in those nations want to do so. In addition, in many countries, globalization and new communications technology, which are only becoming more intrinsic to international economics and daily life, have also helped chip away at the free-market model. In theory, he argues, this allows smaller companies to level the playing field with larger firms by catering to niche audiences. In many other important industries—including telecommunications infrastructure, natural resources extraction, banking, aviation, automobile manufacturing, and shipping—globalization has not had the impact that techno-optimists like Anderson imagined. In these industries, globalization has pitted more and more large firms against each other, with only the biggest and strongest surviving. The Challenge to the Free-Market Model In response, many governments in developing nations have abandoned primarily market-capitalist approaches, seeking to buttress their political power by turning away from the Washington Consensus model and developing more powerful national champions in strategic sectors like telecoms and resources. In so doing, over the past two decades, they have created a new era of state capitalism. Although states have intervened in their economies for centuries, the tendency has become far larger in scope, as many of the most powerful developing nations have increasingly turned to state intervention. In addition, state capitalism today is more sophisticated than it was in the 20th century, combining statist strategies with those of free-market, multinational companies. As a result, 21st-century state capitalism is equipped with genuine strengths that earlier approaches, whether uniquely statist or free-market capitalist, lacked, and may have a better chance of surviving in the long term than strategies pursued by Maoist China or the Soviet Union. Modern state capitalists, drawing on the tools of powerful governments and the strategies of cutting-edge multinational businesses, may be able to adapt and innovate, so as to compete with Western multinationals and expand the growth and expansion of state-capitalist companies around the globe. Even before the global recession, leaders in young post-Cold War democracies too often oversold democracy as an immediate panacea for economic woes. Western

policymakers and opinion leaders must understand state capitalism, because it presents, for the first time in decades, a real potential alternative to the free-market model. As such, it has implications for global political and economic stability. Modern state capitalism is not necessarily a threat; it can co-exist with democracy and with stable, responsible governance. But overall, state capitalism usually offers a vision of the future that is more protectionist, more dangerous to global security and global prosperity, and more threatening to political freedom than free-market capitalism. In addition, state capitalism has expanded dramatically among some of the most important developing nations in the world over the past two decades. Several of them, including China, Brazil, Russia, Indonesia, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, South Africa and India, are among the 30 biggest economies in the world, while others, like Singapore and Malaysia, are major, important economies within their regions. Standard Chartered Bank estimates that most of the growth in the world economy between and will come from developing nations like these. But over decades, these countries will not only power the international economy, they will also command ever-larger power in international institutions. These emerging powers are also increasingly serving as models for other developing nations. Although many observers now talk of a so-called Beijing Consensus, or a Chinese model of development, China, with its decades of growth and extensive training programs for foreign officials, is not the only country that developing nations are looking to for economic and even political inspiration. Singapore, Brazil, Indonesia and other democratic state capitalists are more frequently running training programs of their own for officials from other developing countries. The Potential Threats to the International System The challenge of state capitalism may not always threaten freedom and international security. Indonesia, for instance, has become more economically statist over the past 15 years while continuing to democratize and play an active role in regional and international affairs. But the rise of state capitalism presents five possible threats to the international system, to free-market economics, and to political stability in many important countries. These potential threats can be ranked in order from the least dangerous to the international system to those that pose the greatest threat to global economics and security. The first risk is that, in young democracies, state capitalism could potentially put too much power in the hands of a few leaders and help corrode democratic culture and institutions. The second is that, in state-capitalist states, an erosion of political freedom can contribute to political instability. In the end, responding to modern state capitalism requires keeping alarmism in check and understanding which state capitalists are worrisome and which are not. The fourth threat scenario is the exact opposite of the third: Indeed, policymakers in the United States and other developed nations must understand when it might make sense, for the health of the global economy and for international security, to enact policies that prevent the economies of powerful state capitalists from collapsing, and when it might make sense to enact policies that facilitate the strangulation of their economies. The final and most dangerous risk is that state capitalists, like Russia and China, will seek to leverage public companies to punish adversaries. Moscow has already gone down this path, using threats of halting Gazprom gas deliveries to countries like Georgia, Ukraine and others with whom Russia has conflicts. China, meanwhile, has aggressively used rigs operated by state-owned petroleum companies to stake claims to disputed waters in the South China Sea. As both Russia and China become more powerful, and their state-owned companies grow increasingly influential, expect to see not only Gazprom but a host of other state enterprises deployed as de facto weapons of war. As we have seen, the political nature of state-capitalist governments determines the implications of that economic approach. If policymakers understand only one lesson about modern-day state capitalism, it should be to focus on governance in state-capitalist systems, adjusting aid programs to consider political, rather than economic, freedom. Few Western leaders should be up at night worrying about the national security implications of the growth of Brazilian, Indonesian or Norwegian state companies. However, the most powerful authoritarian state capitalists—primarily China, Russia, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia and Iran—do raise legitimate national security concerns for the United States and other leading democracies. Yet even regarding these real threats, the West must understand how, for authoritarian governments, state capitalism fits into broader attempts at power projection. How the Return of Statism is Transforming the World.

### 5: Monthly Review | On the Nature of the Chinese Economic System

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But the China story does not seem to conform to standard academic theories of economic development, which emphasize the importance of secure property rights, free market, and economic and political institutions. All these factors together lead to efficient economic outcomes under apparently inefficient policies and institutions. As a result, China has often been treated as an outlier in development economics studies. In *Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics*, Yasheng Huang challenges this conventional view by offering a detailed account of the policy reversal in the 1980s and the 1990s. However, in the 1990s the Chinese state reversed many of its previous policies. Capitalism in China changed from a market-driven, rural-based, entrepreneurial system to an urban-biased, state-led capitalist system that is anti-poor and anti-private capitalists. This change was not reflected in GDP numbers, but it showed up in the welfare implications for the Chinese population. Since the 1990s, as Huang notes, household income lagged behind the growth of economy and the labor share of GDP also fell. Many Western and Chinese scholars believe that TVEs, as their name indicates, were owned and run mainly by the local government, which means they were under collective or public ownership. By digging deep into bank documents unexamined before, Huang finds that the Chinese definition of TVEs only refers to their location, not their ownership status. TVEs were located in the countryside, but most of them were completely private. Huang reveals that in the 1980s China saw an explosion of indigenous private entrepreneurship in rural areas. These private businesses were mainly engaged in the industry and the service sector. So, he claims that a rapid rise of rural entrepreneurship characterized the economic development of China in the 1980s, which established the actual, but often neglected, foundation of the China miracle. As is well known, 1989 was a year of political turmoil in China as well as in other former socialist regimes in Eastern Europe. In the era from onward, there was a significant policy reversal, which was first and foremost manifest in rural finance. Credit for rural entrepreneurs contracted and loans for rural private industrial enterprises were tightened. Other policy changes included centralizing the administrative and fiscal affairs of rural governance and repressing private informal loans. TVEs also started to decline in the deteriorating national policy environment no longer friendly to rural private entrepreneurship. Huang says that in the 1990s China continued to march toward capitalism but toward one different from the capitalism in the 1980s. Before 1989, China was developing a market-driven, small-scale, and welfare-improving rural entrepreneurial capitalism. However, since 1989, it was state-led capitalism, featured by substantial urban bias, heavy investments in state-owned enterprises and infrastructures, favoring FDI over indigenous private capitalists, and subsidizing the urban boom by taxing the rural population. Huang looks specifically at the case of Shanghai, the best example of urban Chinese, state-led capitalism. Contrary to the economic growth driven by entrepreneurial activities, Huang argues that, the state-led GDP growth as evidenced in Shanghai is neither sustainable nor welfare-improving. He further points out that in Shanghai model, GDP grows rapidly, but private entrepreneurial activities are repressed and personal income lags. Huang counters this view by evaluating the Chinese economy based on its benefit to human welfare. His evidence shows that the policy reversal in the 1990s resulted in the adverse welfare impacts: In comparison, personal incomes grew faster than GDP in the 1980s. He argues that economic growth under the entrepreneurial capitalism in the 1980s was broad-based and thus benefited the vast majority of the population, while the rapid growth under of state-led capitalism in the 1990s did not. In the end, Huang cautions that the policies of the 1990s directed China onto the wrong path and he calls for fundamental institutional reforms so as to sustain high speed economic growth as well as to resolve mounting social problems.

## 6: State Capitalism and the Return of Economic Interventionism

*of Chinese state capitalism in which China transformed from an economy owned and controlled by the state to one supervised by the state in combination and re with market mechanisms.*

Contrary to neoliberal myth, average growth rates of nearly 10 percent a year have been achieved by a combination of state production and state orchestration of private capital. China has accounted for around a third of global economic growth in the weak recovery from the crisis. Half a billion new workers have joined the labour force since , drawn initially as low-paid rural migrants to export processing zones established under Deng. Under the vast Made in China industrial policy, China is forging ahead in a range of new technologies, including cloning, semi-conductors, the quantum internet, artificial intelligence and robotics. Research spending increased over fold between and One million patents were filed in the same year, 40 percent of the world total. Ten years ago China had no bullet trains or track suitable for them. Today it has more track than the rest of the world combined. Similarly with motorway construction: And, in the year to October , residential floor area completed in China was equivalent to building an area the size of Rome every six weeks. China is no longer a mere low-cost assembly plant for the rest of the world. China may be planning an extensive space exploration programme but it cannot escape the gravitational pull of the capitalist system and its laws. Since then continued but slowing economic growth has been accompanied by deepening problems and doubts. But this increases what Marx called the organic composition of capital, the ratio between dead labour embodied in plant and machinery and value-producing living labour. This results in diminishing returns on investments, many of which are unproductive and unprofitable. Much of this investment is on infrastructure, but the productive economy still lags way behind its rivals. There were ten industrial robots per 10, workers in China in , in the US, in Germany and Japan and over in South Korea. Accurate profitability figures are hard to find, but most suggest they are in single digits estimates range from 4 to 9 percent for the private sector and 2 to 4 percent for state firms. State-owned enterprises SOEs remain an essential part of the Chinese system. They provide the Communist Party with a power base for sections of the leadership, produce industrial outputs for infrastructure development, and in declining regions like the north east, keep millions in jobs. Here, half of industrial jobs are in SOEs, compared with a national average of 17 percent, while in the export-oriented coastal zones, like the Pearl River Delta, SOEs have virtually no presence. But in narrowly financial terms SOEs are an economic drain. They account for a third of investment yet generate just 10 percent of GDP, have 40 percent of the assets held by enterprises but make just 20 percent of profits, and are laden with debt. None of the others escape state influence. But under Xi Jinping the state has reasserted its power over private capital. The major hi-tech firms have been forced to fund the restructuring of the nationalised China Unicom in return for access to its networks and customer base. The government has also placed limits on the payment systems and financial services of the high-tech giants, which had begun to act as quasi-banks and may well have been engaged in money laundering and tax evasion. Stricter state control of private capital is linked to concern over capital outflows. Between and early outflows were huge, reflecting business anxieties over domestic debt, profitability and financial risk. And, from the private capitalist perspective of rationality, inflated prices enabled the movement abroad of large amounts of money as a hedge against emerging difficulties in China. In response, in early , restrictions were imposed on capital outflows, and in summer the State Council told regulators to curb foreign investments and the Banking Regulatory Commission ordered state banks to reconsider their exposure to the most aggressive overseas investors. But patriotism cannot easily overcome the serious imbalances in the Chinese economy. The economist Hyman Minsky found that periods of stability encourage over-confidence and speculation, which in turn increase the danger of a financial crash. China is a major factor in the global increase in non-financial sector debt, which is now 40 percentage points higher than just before the crash, while corporate debt is percent of GDP, making it the most indebted corporate sector in the world. In the financial system, loans have grown from to percent of GDP. Many loans are under-performing, particularly those to so called zombie companies that survive thanks to state credit and subsidies; thereby depriving other firms of resources. Manoeuvre Since local government debt has grown from

17 to 42 percent of GDP, and overall state debt has doubled to about percent of GDP. This debt is largely owed to domestic savers, which allows the central bank some room for manoeuvre without facing a currency collapse – it could, for example, issue bonds to cover the debt or buy it from private creditors. Whether directly, via the interconnectedness of global financial markets, or indirectly, via the impact on China as an export market, nowhere will escape the effects. Warning signs are everywhere. House prices have been rising annually by 10 percent, and in major cities by 20 to 30 percent in Inequality in housing makes even London seem a haven of relative egalitarianism: One consequence of exorbitant house prices is that over 50 million homes, 22 percent of urban housing, were vacant in But it is hard to see how prices can be reduced sufficiently to reduce excess capacity without producing a crash that will damage regime legitimacy as the guarantor of rising affluence. Another aspect of financial system dysfunction is the emergence of a virtually unregulated shadow banking sector. Concerned about the potential impact on the wider financial system and real economy, regulators have toughened the restrictions on speculative products. Yet they are backed by state-owned banks, which act as retail agents for the products, and buyers logically assume that the state will guarantee their investments. In it took four units of credit to increase GDP by a single unit but ten years ago just 1. This has been a recurrent theme since – whenever stabilising measures produce a whiff of crisis on the stock exchange and prices fall as in and the state relaxes policy and so increases the likelihood of future instability. China cannot escape the economic laws of motion of capitalism that Marx discovered years ago. Alongside weak profitability and the declining impact of credit on growth, wages have risen quite sharply in recent years in the most buoyant sectors as the supply of migrant workers from the countryside slows and urban workers sense their growing power. The established pattern of recruiting cheap migrant labour has run out of steam. Many migrants find only low-paid casual service sector jobs in the cities, but few working age people remain in rural areas. Away from coastal China, even cities face labour shortages. China is facing a sharp decline in the working age population with associated pressure to increase wages. It is estimated that the decline will average 5 million workers a year in the coming years. Capitalist rationality is not purely economic but shapes all social relations. The paying of bribes to party bureaucrats – to get children into good schools or gain promotion, for example – has been part of local everyday life for decades. Today corruption has assumed a new local character consistent with the huge opportunities for enrichment. Local authorities are legally unable to borrow, and so have established arms-length public-private subsidiaries – local government financing vehicles – which can borrow and now account for about half of local debt. They have become key conduits for corruption and the centre of local state-business clientelistic power structures. A favoured method by which local party chiefs help their wealthy friends is to appropriate public land to sell cheaply to developers. But corruption is not purely local – it goes to the heart of the system. Some , officials have been taken to court and a further , punished via internal party disciplinary measures, including over 10 percent of central committee members, senior military figures and SOE executives. Corrupt financial regulators including in insurance and banking have been sacked. The crackdown, which Xi hopes will pacify ordinary workers, has produced inner-party dissatisfaction and risks creating as many political enemies for Xi as it removes. Even the immediate aim of cutting the costs to business associated with a culture of back-handers may not be achieved. As the Financial Times notes, costs may actually be increasing as officials become more careful and demand payment into offshore accounts. There is real economic strength and a crash is not inevitable in the short term. Nor can capital rely on fresh supplies of cheap labour in the future. If and when the developing stock market and housing bubbles burst, as they surely will, the impact on China and the rest of the world economy will be very great indeed. At this point, the unwritten contract between the Chinese state and society – that we will make you richer, develop China and restore it to its rightful position of power in the world, but you will not demand democracy, freedoms and rights – will be very hard to maintain.

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