

ANTI ANTI-ORIENTALISM, OR IS CHINESE LAW DIFFERENT?

Some scholars of what is conventionally called the Chinese legal system believe that it is so different from Western legal systems that it should not be analyzed using the same terms, and perhaps should not be called a “legal system”. Other scholars critique this view on the grounds that it is ethnocentric and Orientalist. I critique the critique on the grounds that it methodologically excludes even the possibility of finding China (or anywhere) to be genuinely different, and thus blinds us to the possibility of radically different ways of organizing society.

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