The Nordic Welfare State goes to China!

New publication offers the first comprehensive presentation of the Nordic welfare state model in Chinese

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"This book provides a comprehensive and insightful portrait of the 'Nordic model of welfare' – its history, characteristics and challenges in a globalized world. It illustrates the successful interplay of political, social and economic forces in the development of political and welfare institutions in the small and advanced open economies and egalitarian societies of Northern Europe”.

Gro Harlem Brundtland
Special Envoy on Climate Change for the United Nations and
Former Prime Minister of Norway
and former Director General of the World Health Organization

Over the last years there has been a growing international interest in the Nordic model of welfare, not the least in China. This volume is the first comprehensive book on the Nordic model of society to be published in Chinese. At the same time, within the Nordic countries, there has been a rapidly growing interest in China and in establishing scientific cooperation with Chinese partners. This volume is in itself a practical example of the desired cooperation – and it is the editors’ hope that the book will support such efforts more generally.

The book presents the historical development of the Nordic welfare states, analyze basic characteristics such as equality, universalism and labor market organization, and discuss present and future challenges. Authors include a number of distinguished Nordic scholars, all of them leading experts within their fields. A full list of contributions can be found below. We expect the book to be used for university students and by researchers within welfare research, economics, political science, sociology, media studies, and contemporary history. Furthermore, it will be of interest for civil servants and experts as well as politicians and other decision-makers, and for journalists and generally interested observers of comparative social policy development.

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The book launch is organized in Shanghai on the occasion of the 15 years’ anniversary of the Nordic Centre, Fudan University, and on the occasion of the inauguration of its new building on campus. The editors shall present the book, and the distinguished Professor Zhou Dunren, Fudan University, will comment, and there will be possibility to ask questions.

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