

Double Moral Standards applied by the West harm the democratization process in China

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(Berlin/Beijing, CM 02/08/2008) The West applies two different standards when judging a country, “depending on who they refer to”. This is how Fang Weigui, scholar in Beijing habilitated in Erlangen, Germany, criticized Western hypocrisy in an interview conducted by Civilizations Matter. Even critical Internet users in China allege that the West has dishonest motives when degrading China at present. “I am a more or less ‘different-minded’ person in China, and I am bound to say: Moral concepts cannot be exported that way.” Professor for Comparative Literature at Beijing University, Fang Weigui is engaged in studies of new media and publishes internationally about “digital being” in China.

After the end of the Cold War, he now sees the danger of a different kind of bilateral “Cold War”. Young Chinese used to admire the West, but now they feel disappointed. “The most common answer to the news that a Head of State will not attend the Opening Ceremony is: Without him? So much the better!” A successful intercultural dialog cannot be conducted by practical politics: it must reach and integrate a broader audience. It might take years until the Chinese get back to seeing the West the way they saw it half a year ago, Fang Weigui supposes.

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