The 'China model' and the global crisis: from Friedrich List to a Chinese mode of governance.

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**Abstract**

The global financial crisis reinvigorated ongoing debates over whether China
has its own distinct and separate ‘model’ of political economy and/or
development. There is much that connects this Chinese model with previous
systems of national political economies; partly in terms of specific policy
preferences, but also in terms of shared basic conceptions of the distribution
of power in the global order. Like these previous systems, China has come to
stand as an example of an alternative to following dominant (neo-)liberal
models of development. In this respect, what the China model is not and
what China does not stand for might be more important than what it actually
is and what it does stand for. However, the idea of a coherent and unique
Chinese model has considerable purchase, and is both informed by and also
feeds into considerations of China's uniqueness and difference from the
norms, ideas and philosophies that dominate the rest of the world.

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