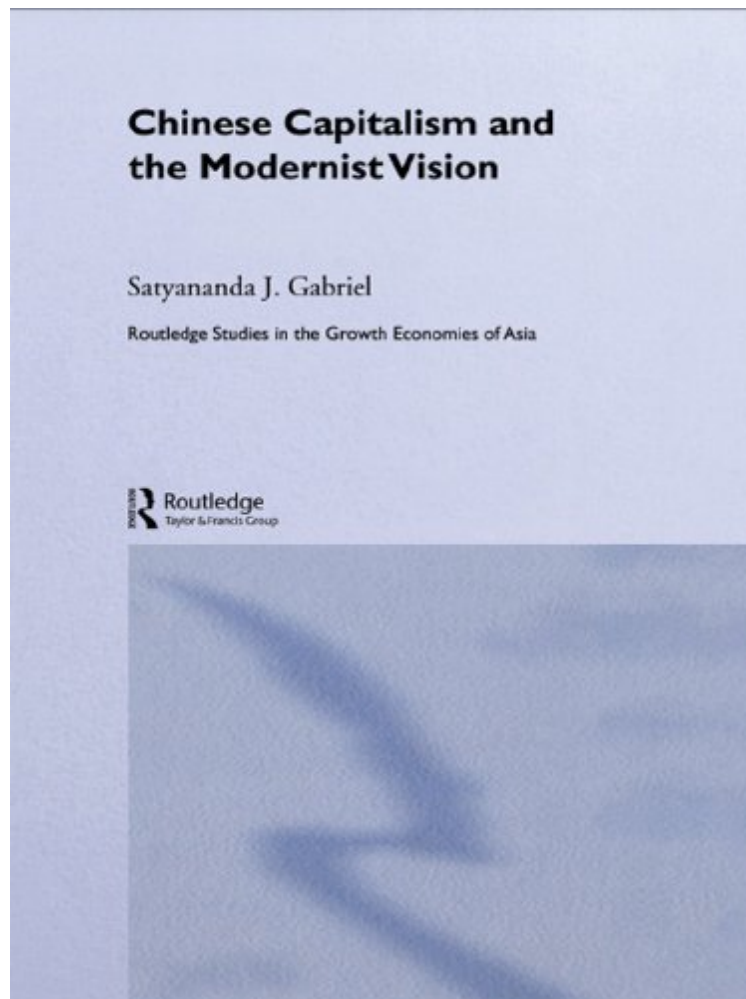


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loosening of state control over the cash flows of state-run enterprises in urban China either. This book also makes it clear that to understand what is going on in China today, to make sense of the economic changes and what they may mean for the rest of the world, you need to understand the kind of Marxism that is the basis for the so-called reforms. This use of Marxian analysis as the basis for the text is fresh, yielding new insights into the transformations in the Chinese economy and society. For instance, the author's discussion in Chapter 3 of how workers are conditioned to accept and even ignore their own exploitation, the process of "creating a consciousness of a wage laborer", is particularly insightful. It led me to contemplate how workers in the US are similarly conditioned. In Chapter 6, the author suggests that increased compliance with WTO provisions may gradually bring about an end to widescale self-employment in the agricultural sector. The author introduces a compelling, attractive term, "cybersuperorganism", that nicely captures how technology (especially communications technology) is helping to create these vast decentralized entities from distinct yet diverse parts such as transnational firms, their constituent components and their external linkages. Given the latest news about Yahoo and Google's compliant dealings with the Chinese government, it is appropriate that one of this author's main take-home points is that China still maintains a large degree of control over how its country is linking up to the transnational global economy and vast networks of people, businesses and institutions. In my opinion, this book would be most useful to anyone planning to do business in China, or have dealings with Chinese enterprises or governmental bodies. Also notable is how the text is able to discuss the conflicting ideologies within the Chinese party in an open and non-reductionist manner, pointing out the intricate effects these conflicts have had on the society. The author is also very careful to define terms before they are used both within the text and with a simple glossary. In general, the text provides some fresh insights into the transformation of the Chinese economy. The book looks not only at the past, but also toward the future and helps us better understand where China might be going. A sense of the author's deep understanding of the intricacies of this topic is evident. I must say the price of this text is a bit steep but its profoundly unique perspective and comprehensive exploration of economic, cultural, and political relationships make it well worth it. I can't say this enough, but you really can't find an analysis of this type anywhere else. The ideas that arise out of the author's analysis of China represent a fundamental paradigm shift in how we look at China, global business, and economies in transition.

In the past fifty years, the experience of the Chinese economy has continually challenged the assumptions of laissez-faire economics. It has sustained a strong growth rate, changed the structure of international economic relationships and has become critical to many multinational corporations. Now, it appears to be on the verge of becoming a new economic superpower. Addressing the structure and dynamics of the Chinese economy, Satyananda J. Gabriel examines in-depth the connection between growth and the particular version of Marxism that has been adopted by the Communist Party of China. One of the most comprehensive analyses of the contemporary Chinese economy, this book covers industry and agriculture, rural and urban enterprises, labour power and financial markets, and the process of integrating the Chinese domestic economy into global capitalism. *Chinese Capitalism and the Modernist Vision* identifies the current transition in China as a historic passage from state feudalism to state capitalism that will significantly alter both the internal political and economic dynamics of China and the global political economy.

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