

*How the Chinese Judiciary Works: New Insights from Data-Driven Research**

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Abstract

The various transparency initiatives orchestrated by the Supreme People's Court have significantly increased availability of data on the Chinese judiciary. A growing literature has ensued, offering penetrating insights. Our Special Feature aims to make original contributions to this rapidly developing field. It presents key findings from a number of data-oriented projects on the work of China's judiciary, demonstrating the tremendous potential of data-driven research. It also highlights some potential methodological challenges, particularly the issue of data missingness.

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