



China's Social Welfare: The Third Turning Point

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Polity Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, China's Social Welfare: The Third Turning Point, Joe C. Leung, Yeubin B. Xu, The extraordinary rise of China is one of the greatest globalstories of recent times. However, China's development has been described as 'uneven, uncoordinated, andunsustainable', and has now reached a critical turning point.To transform itself into a successful high-income economy, Chinaurgently needs to develop a new welfare regime. Social policy and social welfare programmes are pivotal not only to meet mountingsocial needs but also to promote social cohesion. This timely book explores key turning points in China'strajectory, from the creation of a socialist egalitarian societypromising a relatively stable livelihood at the expense of economicdevelopment, through the marketoriented reforms which havedismantled the traditional social protection system. The authorspresent the formidable social challenges ahead, including demographic shift, residential migration, and corrosive inequalities, and outline the emerging forms of social securityprotection in urban and rural areas, community-based social careservices, non-governmental organizations and the social workprofession. To redress inequalities and strengthen social cohesion, China needs to construct a robust developmental and redistributivestrategy with shared responsibility between different levels ofgovernments, as well as between civil society, the state and themarket. This comprehensive and astute guide to one of China's keycurrent challenges will...

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