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How can protests influence policy making in a repressive dictatorship? *Responsive Authoritarianism in China* sheds light on this important question through case studies of land takings and demolitions – two of the most explosive issues in contemporary China. In the early 2000s, landless farmers and evictees unleashed waves of disruptive protests. Surprisingly, the Chinese government responded by adopting wide-ranging policy changes that addressed many of the protesters' grievances. Heurlin traces policy changes from local protests in the provinces to the halls of the National People's Congress (NPC) in Beijing. In so doing, he highlights the interplay between local protests, state institutions, and elite politics. He shows that the much-maligned petitioning system actually plays an important role in elevating protesters' concerns to the policy-making agenda. Delving deep into the policy-making process, this book illustrates how the State Council and NPC have become battlegrounds for conflicts between ministries and local governments over state policies.

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For Eri and Hans

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Abbreviation	Pinyin	Chinese characters	English translation	Publisher
BJFDC	<i>Beijing Fangdichan</i>	北京房地产	Beijing real estate	Beijing Broadcasting Movies and Television Group
CDGTZY	<i>Chengdu Guotu Ziyuan</i>	成都国土资源	Chengdu land resources	Chengdu Municipal Land Resources Department
GPYXF	<i>Gongpu Yu Xinfang</i>	公仆于信访	Civil servants and petitions	Heilongjiang Provincial Petitioning Bureau
GTZYT X	<i>Guotu Ziyuan Tongxun</i>	国土资源通讯	Land resources communication	Ministry of Land Resources
HBNC	<i>Hubei Neican</i>	湖北内参	Hubei internal reference	Xinhua
HBXF	<i>Hubei Xinfang</i>	湖北信访	Hubei petitions	Hubei Provincial Petitioning Bureau
MQYXF	<i>Minqing Yu Xinfang</i>	民情于信访	Conditions of the people and petitions	Shaanxi Provincial Petitioning Bureau

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NFGTZY	Nanfang Guotu Ziyuan	南方国土资源	Southern land resources	Guangxi Provincial Land Resources Bureau
QHGTJL	Qinghai Guotu Jinglue	青海国土劲略	Qinghai land resources planning and operation	Qinghai Provincial Land Resources Bureau
RMXF	Renmin Xinfang	人民信访	People’s petitions	State Bureau of Letters and Visits
SDGTZY	Shandong Guotu Ziyuan	山东国土资源	Shandong land resources	Shandong Provincial Land Resources Bureau
SDXF	Shandong Xinfang	山东信访	Shandong petitions	Shandong Provincial Petitioning Bureau
SHXF	Shanghai Xinfang	上海信访	Shanghai petitions	Shanghai Provincial Petitioning Bureau
TJRD	Tianjin Renda	天津人大	Tianjin People’s Congress	Tianjin People’s Congress Standing Committee
TJXF	Tianjin Xinfang	天津信访	Tianjin petitions	Tianjin Provincial Petitioning Bureau
XFYMQ	Xinfang Yu Mingqing	信访于民情	Petitions and conditions of the people	Zhejiang Provincial Petitioning Bureau
ZGFDC	Zhongguo Fangdichan	中国房地产	China real estate	Tianjin Press

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ZGTD	<i>Zhongguo Tudi</i>	中国土地	China land	Ministry of Land Resources
ZJFDC	<i>Zhejiang Fangdichan</i>	浙江房地产	Zhejiang real estate	Zhejiang Provincial Housing and Urban-Rural Construction Bureau
ZJGTZY	<i>Zhejiang Guotu Ziyuan</i>	浙江国土资源	Zhejiang land resources	Zhejiang Provincial Land Resources Bureau
ZJNC	<i>Zhejiang Neican</i>	浙江内参	Zhejiang internal reference	Xinhua
ZJXF	<i>Zhejiang Xinfang</i>	浙江信访	Zhejiang petitions	Zhejiang Provincial Petitioning Bureau
ZJZB	<i>Zhejiang Zhengbao</i>	浙江政报	Zhejiang government reports	Zhejiang Provincial Government