

Updated message from the editor, *The China Quarterly*

Following a meeting with officers from Cambridge University Press (CUP), *The China Quarterly* has been informed that CUP intends to repost immediately the articles removed from its website in China. CUP had previously taken down 315 articles following an “instruction” from a Chinese import agency without the consent of *The China Quarterly*.

As Editor, I would like to express my support for CUP’s decision to repost the articles. It comes after a justifiably intense reaction from the global academic community and beyond. Access to published materials of the highest quality is a core component of scholarly research. It is not the role of respected global publishing houses such as CUP to hinder such access. *The China Quarterly* will continue to publish articles that make it through our rigorous, double-blind peer review regardless of topic or sensitivity. Our publication criteria will not change: scientific rigour and the contribution to knowledge about China.

Tim Pringle
Editor, *The China Quarterly*

[Please click here to see a formal follow-up statement from Cambridge University Press](#)

All 315 articles are now unblocked and free to read online.

Message from the editor, *The China Quarterly*

The China Quarterly wishes to express its deep concern and disappointment that over 300 articles and reviews published in the journal have been censored by a Chinese import agency. We note too that this restriction of academic freedom is not an isolated move but an extension of policies that have narrowed the space for public engagement and discussion across Chinese society.

The China Quarterly is the world’s leading China area studies journal. The articles it publishes are subject to rigorous, double-blind peer review, and are of the highest international standing. Scholars from academic institutions all over the world have chosen to publish in *The China Quarterly* precisely because of our high standards and high impact. We have been particularly pleased to reflect China’s ‘going out’ policies via the rapidly increasing number of submissions from Chinese mainland scholars.

The China Quarterly’s priorities lie with its authors and readers, and its responsibility to uphold academic freedom in the scholarly community. As such, we will strive to ensure that articles published in the journal reach as wide an audience as possible. We will continue to work hard to safeguard our academic standards and to maintain our impact, irrespective of subject matter.

[Please click here to see a formal response from Cambridge University Press](#)

[Please click here to see the list of 315 articles and book reviews that are currently unavailable for access in China.](#)

Tim Pringle
Editor, *The China Quarterly*