

Chinese Treaties: The Post-revolutionary Restoration Of International Law And Order

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available in 20th-century China seem to have precursors, and Drake's book provides a basis for evaluating changing Chinese approaches to China's place in the world.

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While there have been numerous studies on Chinese foreign policy, only a few scholars have made analytical studies of the People's Republic of China (PRC) treaties and their relations to her foreign policy. In 1967 Professor Douglas Johnston presented a paper analyzing PRC treaties before the Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law¹; his paper indicated that the PRC's treaty activities were closely related to her foreign policy and external activities. Since then, although Professor Johnston continued his work on Chinese treaty analysis, he has not yet published the results of his study. Mr Scott's book, therefore, is the first comprehensive study of PRC treaty data as "a specific indicator of that country's politics, attitudes and actions in the international system" (p. 1).

Mr Scott's method and objectives are similar to those of Professor Johnston; both authors use traditional methods, e.g. textual analysis, for analysing treaty practices, and both use the method of "quantitative analysis" to study the treaties of the PRC concluded between 1949 and 1972.

The book is divided into seven chapters. Chapter I describes the author's sources of information and analytic methodology; it includes a concise historical background of Chinese treaties before the establishment of the PRC. Chapters II to IV (pp. 35-138) summarize the attitude of the PRC towards international law in general and treaty law in particular. These chapters are based almost entirely on several major works² in this area and apparently do not add any new information. For instance, in discussing the PRC's constitutional provisions on the treaty-making process, the author has relied on the 1954 constitution (pp. 121-22), without mentioning the new constitution

1. Douglas Johnston, "Treaty analysis and Communist China: preliminary observations," *Proceedings of the American Society of International Law, Sixty-First Annual Meeting (1967)*, pp. 126-34.

2. Luke T. Lee, *China and International Agreements: A Study of Compliance* (Durham, N.C.: Rule of Law Press; Leiden: A. W. Sijthoff, 1969); Hungdah Chiu, *The People's Republic of China and the Law of Treaties* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1972); chapter on treaties in James C. Hsiung, *Law and Policy in China's Foreign Relations* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1972); and chapter on treaties in Jerome Alan Cohen and Hungdah Chiu, *People's China and International Law: A Documentary Study*, Vol. II (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1974).

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