

# The "Double Transcendence" of the Chinese-style Modernization Road to the Western Mode of Modernity and Its World Significance

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**Abstract:** *Chinese style modernization has successfully opened a new mode of modern civilization, marking the appearance of a new paradigm of modern civilization. Its "newness" is reflected in the fact that it is not a replica or a replica of the Western model of modernity, but a Chinese scheme of modernity based on Chinese characteristics, a Chinese-style modernity model that is different from the Western model of modernity, and realizes the the double transcendence of the Western model of modernity. The Chinese road is not a replica or a replica of the Western model of modernity, but a Chinese solution for modernity based on Chinese characteristics. It has achieved a double transcendence of the Western model of modernity, and contributed Chinese wisdom and Chinese solutions to human civilization and the development of the world. significant world significance.*

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## 1. Introduction

"Modernity" has become a hot issue concerned by domestic and foreign academic circles and a historical field that our country has to face. Looking at world history, due to the first completion of the two industrial revolutions, Western countries took the lead in entering the historical field of modernity, and the strong discourse of "modernity is Western modernity" spread around the world. Looking back at the history of our country, the development process of the Communist Party of China leading the people from "standing up" to "getting rich" to "strengthening" is the process of continuously promoting my country's modernization and building modernity with Chinese characteristics. The successful development and vivid practice of China's road has effectively broken the myth of "Western-centrism" and opened up a new model of modern civilization; jumped out of the trap of "a strong country must hegemony" and opened up a new path of peaceful development; way of thinking to promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. The Chinese road is not a replica or a replica of the Western model of modernity, but a modern Chinese scheme based on Chinese characteristics. In the face of "two overall situations", we must, under the guidance and inspiration of Marx's critical theory of capitalist modernity, clarify the transcendence of the Chinese road to the Western model of modernity and its contribution to human civilization, strengthen confidence in the road, and forge ahead with a high-spirited attitude Marching towards the second centenary goal.

## 2. The double transcendence of the Chinese road to capitalist modernity

### 2.1. Transcendence from "unitary modernity" to "multiple modernity"

Over the years, the monism and pluralism of modernity have been raging and never stopped. The "monistic modernity" advocated by Western centrists means that Western centrists regard Western modernity as a synonym for modernity and place the Western modernity model in a transcendental universal position. In their view, the Western model of modernity is applicable to all countries and regions. As long as any country wants to achieve modernization, it can only follow the Western model of modernity. It is true that since the second half of the 18th century, European countries have successively experienced industrial revolutions, replacing handicrafts with machines, which greatly promoted the development of productive forces and social progress, and took the lead in starting the process of modernization, and achieved remarkable results. Therefore, in the eyes of many Westerners, Western countries with advanced productivity development level are the center of the world. Fukuyama even proclaimed "the conclusion of the end of history", believing that Western society is the highest stage

of human social development and represents the end of history. For a long time, the Western model of modernity has been dubbed as a "paradigm" and appeared in the face of "unity", and the road of Western modernization has also been regarded as the "only reasonable" road to modernization. The global expansion of "monistic modernity" advocated by Western centrists is also closely related to the logic of capital. Under the domination of capital logic, capitalist countries use capital proliferation as the driving force for development. When the domestic market cannot meet the purpose of capital proliferation, they must seek surplus value by opening up and occupying overseas markets in order to continue and expand themselves in a global perspective. Western countries hope to use the Western model of modernity as a template to reshape the entire world and create a homogeneous world characterized by "center-periphery". Therefore, under the domination of capital logic, Western countries initially adopted colonial, plundering and violent means, and then turned to economic and political means to promote the global development of the Western model of modernity. This expands globally.

Eisenstadt, an important representative of the "multiple modernity" view, believes that: "The Western model or the model of modernity is not the only 'true' modernity, although relative to other modern scenarios, its historical time It was and continues to be a crucial point of reference for other modern pictures" [1]. To the question of whether the Western model of modernity is a unitary model, a series of practices at home and abroad have given a negative answer. In order to seek development and prosperity, many developing countries have directly copied the Western development model regardless of their own national conditions and actual development conditions. Not only have they failed to improve the country's future, but have also caused many difficulties and crises. From the perspective of my country's development practice, since modern times, China has become a semi-colonial and semi-feudal society. In order to save the nation from peril, countless people with lofty ideals have sought truth from the West, and have tried and compared Western modernization paths such as constitutional monarchy, parliamentary system, and presidential system. Ended with failure. History since modern times has fully proved that the Western capitalist road will not work in China, and the Western modernity plan will not work in China.

The founding of the Communist Party of China gave China a strong leadership core on the road of modernization. The founding of New China and the establishment of the basic socialist system laid a political guarantee and institutional foundation for China's modernization road, and the leap from three modernizations to four modernizations It reflects the continuous exploration of Chinese modernity by the Communist Party of China. Mao Zedong also warned that if modernization is not done well, our country will face the danger of being expelled from the "ball". Later, due to lack of experience, my country's modernization construction encountered serious setbacks. After 1978, my country opened the prelude to reform and opening up, and opened up a socialist road with Chinese characteristics that conforms to national conditions, conforms to the times, and is supported by the people. The opening of my country's road has officially embarked on the great journey of building a modern civilization with distinctive Chinese characteristics. Over the past 40 years of reform and opening up, my country has always adhered to the Chinese path and has made great achievements in modernization. Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, under the strong leadership of the CPC Central Committee with General Secretary Xi Jinping at the core, we have coordinated and promoted the overall layout of the "five in one" and coordinated the promotion of the "four comprehensive" strategic layout, and completed the history of building a moderately prosperous society in an all-round way. task, won the battle against poverty, and achieved the first centenary goal. In 2021, my country will take advantage of the momentum, start a new journey to build a modern socialist country in an all-round way, and begin to march towards the second centenary goal. The successful practice of the Chinese road has effectively revealed the falsehood of the "monistic modernity" advocated by Western centralism, and has opened up a new model of modernity that surpasses the Western model of modernity.

## ***2.2. Transcendence from "capital-centered" to "people-centered"***

In Western countries, "capital is the economic power that dominates everything"[2]. Following the capital-oriented value orientation and the principle of capital supremacy, the people and society are enslaved by capital. Economically, capital pursues value and surplus value unrestrictedly, and what to produce, how to produce it, and for whom it is produced is subject to the personification of capital—the will and interests of capitalists, which lead to the organization of economic production by individual enterprises and the overall social The contradiction of anarchy in production, structural economic crises and cyclical economic crises occur frequently; politically, "democracy" has become "money-lord", leading to money politics, elite democracy, and capital playing with public opinion; socially, capital exploits labor, leading to The social polarization is serious, conflicts between races, groups and classes

occur from time to time, and the society is unstable. In short, the Western model of modernity, in its essence, is a capital-centered model of modernity. Facts have proved that capital is a "double-edged sword" that can not only produce a "great civilizational effect", but also cause "the scourge of modernity". So how exactly should we treat capital? How to deal with the issue of which is more important between "capital" and "people"? After 1978, Deng Xiaoping put forward a plan for us to control capital by taking what is the essence of socialism as the question, reform, opening up and modernization as the practice, and common prosperity as the goal. Starting from this "triple orientation", the control of capital is jointly determined by the laws of socialist construction and the needs of the people, and is a unity of regularity and purpose. Deng Xiaoping clearly stated: "The essence of socialism is to liberate and develop productive forces, eliminate exploitation, eliminate polarization, and finally achieve common prosperity"[3]. The proposition of the essence of socialism broke people's rigid understanding of socialism in the past. It contains two dimensions of liberation, namely the dimension of productivity liberation and the dimension of human liberation. The dimension of the liberation of productive forces requires us to focus on economic construction, vigorously develop productive forces, carry out internal reforms and open up to the outside world, and introduce and utilize capital; the dimension of human liberation requires us to regulate the operation of capital to prevent the gap between the rich and the poor from becoming too large and polarized. To safeguard and improve people's livelihood in the process of development, and promote the all-round development of people and the all-round progress of society. Our country is still in and will be in the primary stage of socialism for a long time. We need to use the active role of capital to promote social development and lay a material foundation for common prosperity. Therefore, capital still exists in our country. Reasonable, but this kind of Rationality never becomes absolute.

In my country, the principle of the people is always higher than the principle of capital, the power of the people is always higher than the power of capital, and the will of the people is the highest principle, which is determined by the nature of our country. my country is a socialist country under the people's democratic dictatorship, and the people are the masters of the country. Therefore, the logic of capital does not and will never exist as the leading and dominant force in society. It exists only in the economic field and promotes social and economic development. At the same time, the ultimate purpose of my country's production is not to increase capital indefinitely, but to promote the all-round development of human beings and achieve common prosperity. Therefore, different from the "capital-oriented" and "capital-first" principles of the Western approach, the Chinese approach always puts the people's interests first and adheres to the "people-oriented" and "people first" principles. Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, Xi Jinping has repeatedly emphasized the need to adhere to the people-centered development philosophy and the original aspiration and mission of the Communists. It can be said that "the history of the party's century of struggle is a history of fulfilling its original mission, a history of the party and the people being heart-to-heart, breathing together, and sharing a common destiny." [4] Therefore, in a nutshell, the Chinese road is a modern road that utilizes, guides, regulates and regulates capital to serve the people and promote the all-round development of people, and a road that unifies the development of productive forces and common prosperity. Adhering to the people-oriented and people-centered development logic is an important aspect of Chinese modernity's heterogeneity or transcendence of Western modernity. This year is the first year of our country's new journey of building a modern socialist country in an all-round way. To continue on the road ahead, we must adhere to the people-centered development philosophy and firmly hold the people's stand. Only by always being based on the broadest masses of the people can we have a correct view of development and modernization, and will we be able to push the cause of the party and the country forward.

### **3. The World Significance of the New Modernity Model of Chinese Roads**

#### ***3.1. Break the myth of "Western-centrism" and open up a new path for the development of human civilization***

For a long time, views such as "Western-centrism", "The End of History" and "Civilization Superiority" have been rampant. In the opinion of many Western scholars, Western culture is superior to non-Western culture, Western civilization is the "only model" of human civilization, and the Western model of modernity is the "natural and reasonable" model and the "only path" to modernization. However, these arguments are nothing more than barbaric remarks concocted by Western countries to cover up their aggressive and expansive nature, and behind them are Western hegemony and the "law of the jungle" of the law of the jungle.

It is true that Western countries were the first to embark on the road of modernization, achieved great achievements in modernization, and accumulated rich experience in modernization, but the development of human society is not a process of "single-line evolution" of "single civilization", but unity. The unity of diversity and development is the result of the interaction between the generality of the law of development and the particularity of each national civilization. The road is the continuation of the history and civilization of each country. Each country has its own unique civilization and history, and should independently choose a development path. Looking at today's era, opportunities and challenges coexist. Great changes unseen in a century and the global pandemic are intertwined. However, mankind's pursuit of civilization, desire for peace, and exploration of development paths have never stopped.

Focusing on China, after more than 40 years of reform and opening up, China has become the second largest economy in the world, and its comprehensive national strength has improved significantly. The Chinese road represents the appearance of a new type of modern civilization, it "is not a simple continuation of the master copy of our country's history and culture, nor is it a simple application of the template imagined by classic Marxist writers, nor is it a reprint of socialist practices in other countries, nor is it a reprint of foreign socialist practices. It is a replica of modernization development"[5], but a mode of modernity with Chinese characteristics. The successful practice of China's road has broken the myth of "Western-centrism", provided a Chinese plan for the development of human civilization, and provided the vast developing countries in the world who wish to speed up development and maintain independent development to choose the development that suits their national conditions and actual conditions. The road provided a useful reference and inspired their determination and enthusiasm for modernization.

### ***3.2. Jump out of the trap of "a strong country must hegemony" and open up a new path for peaceful development***

The Chinese road is the road of peaceful development that the Communist Party of China leads the people of all ethnic groups in the country through continuous exploration. It jumps out of the Western logic of "a strong country must hegemony", avoids the so-called "Thucydides trap" in the West, and creates a new A new type of international relations centered on win-win cooperation. Of course, this is something that Western countries cannot understand. Because in the framework of Western modernity, "a strong country must hegemony" is the iron law, and "war violence" is the main theme. Due to the inherent contradictions of capitalist modernity, Western powers usually resort to military aggression, colonial plunder, economic control, and power politics for capital expansion. It can be said that the history of Western countries is a bloody history of oppression and exploitation. The Chinese road has enabled China to make strides to catch up with developed countries, to achieve a leap from "following" to "running side by side" and then "leading" in certain fields, achieving the miracle of "rapid economic development and long-term social stability", and constantly approaching the world stage central.

In view of China's rapid development, in order to contain and delay China's development, some Western powers wantonly slander China, spread absurd remarks such as "China threat theory" and "China hegemony theory", and forcibly label my country as "state capitalism", "authoritarianism", etc. label, smear China's international image, and worsen China's development environment. In this regard, General Secretary Xi Jinping emphasized that "China's prosperity is the trend, but a strong country must hegemony is not a historical law" [6]. China's transformation from poverty and weakness to prosperity and strength is not due to external expansion and colonialism, but to the hard work and tenacity of the 1.4 billion Chinese people over the past century under the leadership of the Party.

China insists on the path of independent and peaceful development. This is not a temporary measure, nor is it an empty diplomatic rhetoric, but is determined by the inherent peaceful nature of China's path. First of all, China has a culture of "harmony" since ancient times, advocating "safeguarding harmony and harmony" and "harmony without difference". The Chinese path nourished by Chinese civilization understands the world order as inclusiveness, diversity, coexistence, and coexistence and development, and the aspiration is harmony. world. Secondly, modern China was invaded by Western powers, and the people were struggling. The Chinese people know the value of peace. Thirdly, China's modernization drive and the goal of realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation need a peaceful development environment. Finally, peace and development are still the themes of the current era. Peaceful development and win-win cooperation have become an irresistible historical trend in the context of globalization. The gene of peace in traditional Chinese culture, the history of humiliation in modern China, the value orientation of the Communist Party of China's "three strategies", and the theme of peace and development all determine that China will never take the path of hegemonism and power politics. China's path will always adhere to an independent foreign policy of peace, unswervingly follow the path

of peaceful development in partnership rather than alliance, actively build a "new type of major-country relationship" featuring mutual respect, common development and win-win cooperation, and respect different countries' independent choices of development paths, actively carry out international exchanges and cooperation among civilizations, and promote world peace and stability.

### ***3.3. Crack the thinking conflict of "binary opposition" and reveal the common denominator of human civilization***

Dickens called the post-industrial era the best of times and the worst of times. At present, the world we live in is a contradiction between opportunities and challenges. On the one hand, emerging market countries and developing countries are rising in groups. In particular, China's new path of modernization has made remarkable achievements and created rapid economic growth, and the two miracles of long-term social stability, which have greatly enhanced China's national strength and international status, and fundamentally changed the international balance of power; a new round of industries characterized by big data, cloud computing, quantum technology, and 5G communication networks. Changes and technological revolutions have brought us many new development opportunities. On the other hand, the challenges facing mankind are emerging one after another. Global governance is faced with the rise of unilateralism and protectionism on an international scale; frequent local conflicts and unbalanced regional development; continuous natural disasters and epidemic diseases; Uncertainty continues to rise, such as global problems such as governance deficit, trust deficit, development deficit, and global problems such as financial crisis, regional conflicts, terrorism, ecological crisis, refugee flow, and global diseases, many people are confused. Among them: "What's wrong with the world? What should we do?" In this regard, China's plan is: to break the "binary opposition" of "no white is ink, either this or that, right or wrong, good or evil" in Western modern times Sexual thinking mode, and promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. Contrary to the Western model of modernity, the Chinese road abandons the conflict of "dual opposition" thinking, promotes the building of a community of shared future for mankind with "common value" as the value orientation, and changes from "winner takes all" to "win-win cooperation", in order to solve the problem of human beings. Problems contribute Chinese wisdom and Chinese solutions. For example, in the face of the wave of anti-globalization, China advocates eliminating the negative effects of globalization, releasing its positive effects, and "promoting economic globalization toward a more open, inclusive, inclusive, balanced, and win-win situation" with the concept of a community. direction of development" [7]. In the face of the world economic dilemma, the CPC Central Committee with General Secretary Xi Jinping at the core proposed a global economic recovery plan and the joint construction of the "Belt and Road" initiative to inject new vitality into the world economy; China's great achievements in poverty reduction have helped the world eradicate absolute poverty. It has enhanced confidence and determination, and provided a reference paradigm; actively participated in global economic governance and the supply of public goods, promoted the diversification of governance subjects, and especially given more voices to developing countries. Facing global ecological problems, while leading my country's economic and social transformation towards green development with new development concepts, China calls on all countries to unite as one, strengthen cooperation, form a new global ecological governance system, and create a new situation for global ecological governance. Facing global security issues, China has always been a builder of world peace and a defender of international order, and advocates that all parties establish a new concept of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security. In 2020, the new crown pneumonia epidemic is raging around the world. Global security incidents like the new crown pneumonia epidemic are not the first and will not be the last. Therefore, only countries can join hands to solve the "binary opposition" thinking conflict and establish a community. Consciousness, solidarity, and solidarity can overcome various global crises. In a word, in the era of globalization, the global problems facing mankind are complex and cannot be solved by one country alone. We must adhere to the common values of peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy and freedom for all mankind, and promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. . This is not only a Chinese road, a Chinese wisdom and a Chinese solution to promote the prosperity and development of human society and solve the problems faced by mankind, but also a creative answer to "what kind of modern world to build and how to build a modern world".

## **4. Conclusion**

"Following one's own path is the foothold of all the theory and practice of the party, and it is also the historical conclusion drawn by the party's century-long struggle." The Chinese path is a path developed

by the Chinese Communist Party, led by the people, through difficult exploration over the past century, based on its own characteristics and suitable for itself. The development of a new paradigm of modern civilization. It is different from the western model of modernity that "everyone who is strong must dominate, and whoever is rich must be extravagant", it is a model of modernity with Chinese characteristics that has been continuously improved and matured under the leadership of the Communist Party of China. Since the opening of the road of socialism with Chinese characteristics, the historic achievements and changes that have taken place in my country have fully proved that only socialism can save China, and only the road of socialism with Chinese characteristics can lead China to realize the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. Facing a "more modern" future, the Chinese nation and the Chinese people will surely march towards great rejuvenation along the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

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