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Abstract

Over the past decade, the Chinese government has embraced the idea of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and has issued laws and regulations to improve its overseas business performance in areas such as environmental protection, labour rights, and other governance issues. As an authoritarian state, China is believed to have a strong political and bureaucratic power over CSR implementation, particularly over the State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) that received enormous national support for overseas investment. However, in recent years, Chinese overseas investments have encountered local resistance and criticism for China's non-compliance of local laws and poor implementation of CSR, prominently in Myanmar. This chapter aims to contribute to the understanding of China's political economy in Myanmar's hydropower sector by

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