

Neo-Confucian vs. Communist Influences on Chinese Views of Intellectual Property

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One of the major issues impacting e-publishing in Asia has been that of intellectual property rights. After decades of heated negotiation, intellectual property rights is still one of the major issues of misunderstanding between the West and the various Chinese political entities. This paper examines the question of whether current differences between Taiwan and mainland China in respect for intellectual property rights are adequately explained by differences in levels of economic development in light of their common Neo-Confucian background, or whether the experience of more than 50 years of “Communism with Chinese characteristics” on the mainland is necessary as an additional explanatory variable.