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This book addresses, perhaps for the first time, the issue of fundamental rights from two perspectives: that of Europe and that of China. It is not an easy proposition to bring these two perspectives into comparison, considering that their only overlap consists in a few basic universal rights recognized in international law. But the question of fundamental rights is closely bound up with the status of individuals in society and in the legal system.

The point of the comparison is not to put the two systems “in competition” against each other, for they are of course markedly different, but is rather to promote a dialogue about the fundamental values in each respective society, armed with the knowledge that fundamental values can lay the foundation for individual rights.

The analysis focuses on the developing situations in Europe and China and, in particular, on sensitive issues such as citizenship, freedom of religion, property rights, and freedom of economic initiative. A grasp of the core values enshrined in the two legal systems can make for a deeper mutual understanding, thus paving the way for a more fruitful dialogue in the future.