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Abstract

China is the most significant transition economy. It is most heavily engaged in international business and investment. China is the largest foreign direct investment (FDI) recipient in the developing countries, accounting for almost half of total FDI inflow in developing countries (World Investment Report, 1999). China is also unique because its transition continues to be planned by the state and preserves an active involvement of government institutions in business affairs.

This paper critically reviews the management and organizational research in China between 1998 and 2002. The literature on such research from 7 leading academic journals in the period of 1998 –2002 is reviewed. First, we briefly review and summarise substantive research in organizational behaviour, strategic management, and international management. Then we have identified the recent trends in this research by comparing the major findings with those of previous research. Finally, we suggest areas for future research.