

## **Current Issues of China's Coal Industry: the Case of Shanxi**

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### **Abstract**

China has been playing an important role in the international energy market. This is even more obvious in recent years because of the set industrial structure and government new development policy in favour of its west part, which is rich in coal, oil and other natural resources.

This paper illustrates the current situation of the coal industry in China from a worldwide point of view. It reveals the existing problems and the barriers of China coal, in particular coking coal from Shanxi Province, one of the major coal suppliers in the domestic and international markets. To meet challenges facing the Shanxi coking coal, it appears a process of internationalisation of the local coal industry is inevitable. It is also suggested that both the government and trade association should take measures to ensure a foundation of sustainable growth and bring the industry into a more innovative path.