Law, as a proudly social practice, has been undergone tremendous transformation in a transitional society. Both empirical evidences and theoretical research reveal that law plays a more or less significant role in a changing world with the rapid development of science and technology, growing market economy, decaying traditional values, increasing environmental contamination, even with our epistemological grasp of the topsy-turvy world. Societies change ruthlessly and almost every legal system is struggling to be responsive. This trend is true in a globalizing world and of particular relevance in a Chinese context.

Obviously, the Chinese society has been changing since its reforming and opening up in late 1970s. As an emerging global power, the Chinese legal system is inscribed in political, economic, cultural, social and legal practices throughout the past three decades, resulting at times in new, hybrid forms of laws and legal institutions, but also often triggering continuing struggles and conflicts.

This special issue wishes to explore how the Chinese legal system respond the social transition and shaped by it and what roles would China play in the global legal environment. while we aim to engage in the global dialogue on China’s legal system both from insiders’ and outsiders’ perspective, we also wish to gather all the theoretical and practical issues of any other countries who have experienced or are experiencing a transitional society.

We welcome contributions that address transitional society in both Chinese and global contexts, highlighting the legal aspects and address legislation, law enforcement, legal institutions, legal history and legal cultures, as well as more theoretically and methodologically oriented discussions.

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