Saint Mao
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Bibliography


Heinz-Christian Strache has stepped down as Austrian vice chancellor following an alleged corruption scandal. Strache was caught on video apparently offering business deals in exchange for friendly media coverage. Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz has accepted the resignation of Vice Chancellor Heinz-Christian Strache in the wake of the release of a video showing Strache discussing the possibility of exchanging friendly media coverage for lucrative state business deals. Christian Sorace is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Colorado College. His work is grounded in the intersection of comparative politics, political theory, and aesthetics. His recent book Shaken Authority: China’s Communist Party and the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake (Cornell University Press, 2017) argues that the post-earthquake reconstruction was intended to be a showcase of the Communist Party’s benevolence, glory, state capacity, economic strength, and urban-rural development models. Christian Sorace's 8 research works with 60 citations and 1,000 reads, including: Party Spirit Made Flesh: The Production of Legitimacy in the Aftermath of the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake. This article argues that the Party retains a tradition of seeking to revitalize its legitimacy through demonstrations of benevolence and glory. The post-2008 Sichuan earthquake provided just such an opportunity to mobilize the discourse of Party spirit and display the willingness of cadres to suffer and sacrifice themselves on behalf of the people.