China Misperceived: American Illusions And Chinese Reality

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In China Misperceived Steven Mosher strikes back at the profession, clan, or family of China watchers that cast him out. The official reasons have never been made public, although his university, Stanford, hinted at academic misconduct when it dismissed him. It is widely believed in American and British academic circles, however, and Chinese threats gave substance to this belief, that Mosher’s real crime, publicly accusing the Chinese government of economic incompetence and forcing women to have abortions, had threatened to undermine Sino-American scholarly relations. Beijing demanded Mosher’s Afghanistan China India Japan North Korea South Korea Browse All Asia. Europe. France Germany Norway Turkey United Kingdom Browse All Europe. Â Capsule Review January/February 2015 Issue. Constructive Illusions: Misperceiving the Origins of International Cooperation. by Eric Grynaviski Reviewed by Robert Legvold. About the Author In his brilliant 1991 book, China Misperceived: American Illusions and Chinese Reality, Mosher wrote: “For the past two centuries, American perceptions of China have oscillated between the poles of love and hate. In brighter moments China was seen as the land of Marco Polo and Pearl Buck, peopled with wise, industrious, and courageous folk. But regularly, almost cyclically, the pendulum swung back, and the cruel and violent China of the Mongol hordes, the Boxer Rebellion, and the human wave attacks reasserted itself. The Chinese heroes of the anti-Japanese resistance became the totalitarian
China misperceived: American Illusions and Chinese Reality is a non-fiction book by the American sinologist and cultural anthropologist Steven W. Mosher. Reviews for China Misperceived. "Man can bear very little reality. This simple truth explains both the success of Disneyland with country bumpkins and the success of Maoland with statesmen, journalists, and scholars. How the pursuit of realpolitik can lead straight into the realm of fantasy is an intriguing story that many influential politicians and eminent academics would certainly prefer to forget."