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**Making of Chinese Civil Code: History and Comparative Perspectives**

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**SUMMARY.** — Due to the mixed application of Legalism and Confucianism, the Chinese civil law remained essentially in the form of customary law until the 1911 Draft of Civil Code of Great Qing Dynasty. The intensive study of comparative law by the Chinese scholars contributed to the drafting and promulgation of the 1931 Civil Code of Republic of China, the first civil code in the history of China. The 2020 Civil Code of People's Republic of China not only massively adopts the West techniques of codification originating from Roman Law, but also visibly preserves the Chinese traditional culture. Today, as it happens in many continental law countries, the Chinese civil law has already been decodified.

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