Current Development and Challenges of Chinese NGOs
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The semi-autonomous development of NGOs is one of the most remarkable changes within China’s social, political and economic transition era. Under governmental guidance and restrictions, officially recognized as useful complement and tools of “building Socialism with Chinese characteristic market economy” and “necessary support for Harmonious Society”, NGOs are allowed to conduct activities publicly and play increasingly active roles in various areas. For Chinese NGOs development, fund-raising and public participation are the most challenging issues while the lack of full legal and public recognition as well as governmental supports become a critical dilemma for their survival. This paper will examine the existing patterns and current development of Chinese indigenous NGOs; analyze the ongoing challenges for their survival and growth.