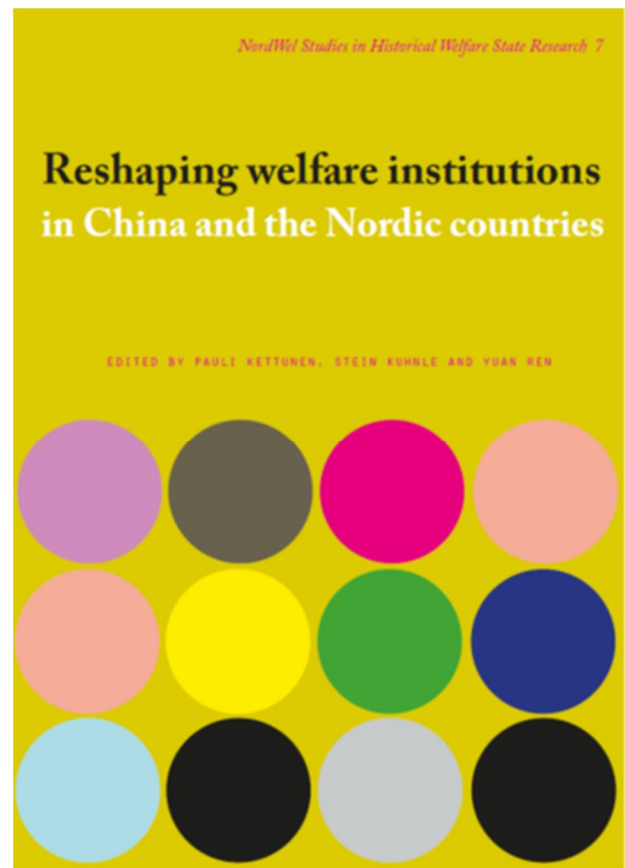


# Reshaping welfare institutions in China and the Nordic countries

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The so-called Nordic model is a benchmark and concept that has attracted international attention. At the same time, China's ever-more significant role in the globalized economy has increased international interest in the preconditions of China's economic growth and associated structural transformations. For their part, the social aspects and impacts of these transformations have inspired discussion, in China, as well as internationally, of various models and paths of welfare policies. Debates on models may focus on persistent path dependencies or on transferable knowledge about best practices to be utilized in policy learning.

This book contributes to this current discussion. Nordic and Chinese researchers on welfare policies discuss normative and institutional characteristics of the Nordic and Chinese societies from a historical perspective. Furthermore, two major areas of current welfare policy in both China and the Nordic countries are examined, namely the problems and solutions associated with migration and labour market mobility, and those associated with the ageing society.

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