(Re)shaping Urban Governance through State-Business Interaction in Inland China's Emerging Industries*

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Abstract

Urban governance has been increasingly complicated by the rapid development of emerging industries in recent years. One example is the boom of China's intelligent connected vehicle (ICV) industry, in which governments and business interests are increasingly complicated in co-constructing a context-specific "framework of action" to tap the potential of new industries in managing radical urban development uncertainty. Against this background, this article examines the ICV industries in Hunan Xiangjiang New Area (HXNA), a national new area in Central China's inland province of Hunan. Despite keen competition from coastal cities, HXNA has managed to develop the ICV industry as its flagship sector to propel local economic development. Through tracing the ICV-induced development, this article demonstrates that HXNA's success owes much to a dynamic state–business

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