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Mutual Rediscovery: Western Europe and the PRC 1978-1992

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This thesis will examine relations between Western Europe (the European Community and its largest members: France, West Germany and the UK) and the People's Republic of China from 1978-1992. It aims to analyze the motivations behind the foreign policy of Western European countries and the EC towards the People's Republic of China. It will explore strategic, economic, and personal motives, as well as the evolution of perceptions of the PRC and their impact. Furthermore, I would like to look at the motivation of the Chinese side and the change of perception of European countries by the Beijing government in the time period.