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**CHINA'S ROLE IN PROMOTING
NON-TRADE CONCERNS**

Based on

**Jean Yves Heurtebise "Understanding
Non-Trade Concerns through Compar-
ative Chinese and European Philosophy
of Law"**



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A gLAWcal comment on Jean Yves Heurtebise “Understanding Non-Trade Concerns through Comparative Chinese and European Philosophy of Law” in Paolo Davide Farah and Elena Cima (Eds.) *China’s Influence on Non-Trade Concerns in International Economic Law*

The chapter presents several issues that must be grappled with: non-trade concerns, human rights and the WTO. Non-trade concerns could be seen as the consequences created by unregulated globalization ranging from right to food via environmental protection to human rights. The difference between the natural vs. positive law highlights the cultural and philosophical debate between what the law aims to do and what is really accomplishing. Similarly, the difference between these two perspectives allows for the full investigation as to what the aim is for the World Trade Organization (WTO). The WTO aims to eliminate all the barriers to trade in goods and services. The author provides an important and interesting op-

portunity that China has where they could naturally introduce within their law and culture for the notion of “the right to food”. In this, these are two specific ways that China could combat the ills of globalization, namely the increase in poverty in some nations. If they are the first successful nation to adopt these ideals, this would be an additional signal to the international community that China can, and will, be out front on NTCs integration into its national policy.

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