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**Summary of the Doctoral Dissertation
title: "The Concept of a Contract in Chinese Law"**

The doctoral dissertation is the result of several years of research conducted by me within the Centre of Oriental Law Research at the Department of Political and Legal Doctrines at the Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics of the University of Wrocław. The research concerned not only the subject of the dissertation, but also the scope of the genesis of Chinese law and its institutions, which resulted in, inter alia, scientific publications and presentations.

The main goal of the doctoral dissertation was to present the concept of a contract in Chinese law, including the factors influencing its formation and evolution over the centuries. In order to achieve the main goal of the dissertation, I asked additional research questions.

The doctoral dissertation consists of an introduction, three chapters and a summary. At the end of the thesis, there is also a glossary of Chinese words used in the content of the dissertation, a list of dynasties and a bibliography.

In the introduction to the doctoral dissertation, I indicated the substantive and temporal scope of the work, I presented the research problem along with additional research questions. In addition, I indicated the research methods used, the sources used and the forms of transcription.

In the first chapter, I analyzed the original concept of the contract and its formation. I indicated the principles of the socio-political order with particular emphasis on moral principles and philosophical thought. In addition, I showed the essence of familism and the legitimacy to

conclude a contract, as well as analyzed the function of the contract in terms of the fulfillment of the obligation and its normativization under criminal law.

In the second chapter, I presented the influence of the turbulent period of the 20th century on the evolution of the concept of the contract, showing the beginnings of shaping modern China, key debates changing the face of the contract, and adapting the contract to the changing reality. In this chapter, I also analyzed the subject of regulating of the contract in the context of its validity along with the legal problems encountered. I also discussed the influence of foreign and international law on the shape of the contract, mentioning the existing differences and specificity of the Special Administrative Regions of the PRC of Hong Kong and Macao.

In the third chapter, which is also the final chapter, I introduced the modern version of the concept of the contract. I analyzed the legal framework of contemporary contract law, including the current shape of the legal system and sources of law, taking into account the latest codification of civil law. I also analyzed the normalization of the contract, its rules, the procedure for its conclusion, effect and validity, as well as the legitimization of its conclusion. Additionally, I made an attempt to typify and distinguish types of contracts.

The summary includes conclusions from the analysis of the research problem and additional research questions along with the reconstruction of the concept of a contract in Chinese law.

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