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PROPOSITIONS

1. The internationalisation of Chinese NGOs is still in an emerging stage and its current scale remains limited.
2. The internationalisation of most Chinese NGOs is not directly initiated and managed by the Chinese state.
3. Chinese NGOs are not capable of taking action and developing discourses that are completely independent of the Chinese state.
4. Chinese NGOs are not directly state-led; instead, the state's influence has mainly affected Chinese NGOs through their embeddedness in the existing domestic regulatory system and in society at large, where the Chinese state powerfully shapes legitimacy.
5. Chinese NGOs, explicitly or implicitly, "diplomatise" their activities when developing international projects and act as Chinese soft power promoters, even without direct requests to that effect from the Chinese state.
6. Comparing the development practices of OECD Development Assistance Committee member countries and China is like comparing apples to oranges.
7. Pragmatism is one of the major "Chinese characteristics", evident in the international endeavours of both state and non-state actors in China.
8. The Belt and Road Initiative is a panacea for both researchers who study Global China, and Chinese NGO practitioners who engage in international projects. Both use it to justify their respective endeavours.
9. The concept of a "Government-Organized Non-Governmental Organization (GONGO)" may seem a nonsensical oxymoron, but in some contexts it is an indispensable one.
10. Don't tell a Chinese interviewee that your field of study is Chinese Studies.