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International Trade Policy in Chinese Economy

Message from the Guest Editors

Despite the backdrop of the sluggish world economy due to the pandemic and renewed trade protectionism, China's trade continues to grow. China has deepened its reform via high-level opening-up and increased high-quality development. China has been at the forefront of economic development and the pandemic response globally and has maintained rapid growth in foreign trade, registering a record high in volume and steady progress in quality. According to customs statistics, China's foreign trade volume in goods in 2021 reached CNY 39.1 trillion, up by 21.4% compared to the previous year. Exports grew by 21.2% to CNY 21.73 trillion, and imports increased by 21.5% to CNY 17.37 trillion. China's total foreign trade, exports, and imports expanded by 23.9%, 26.1%, and 21.2%, respectively, compared to 2019. In this Special Issue, we focus on trade policy and want to understand how such policies or other uncommon factors drive China's trade growth. We also want to know how trade has contributed to this transformation. **Keywords: trade; trade policy; China's trade; Chinese economy; RCEP; BRI; trade growth**

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