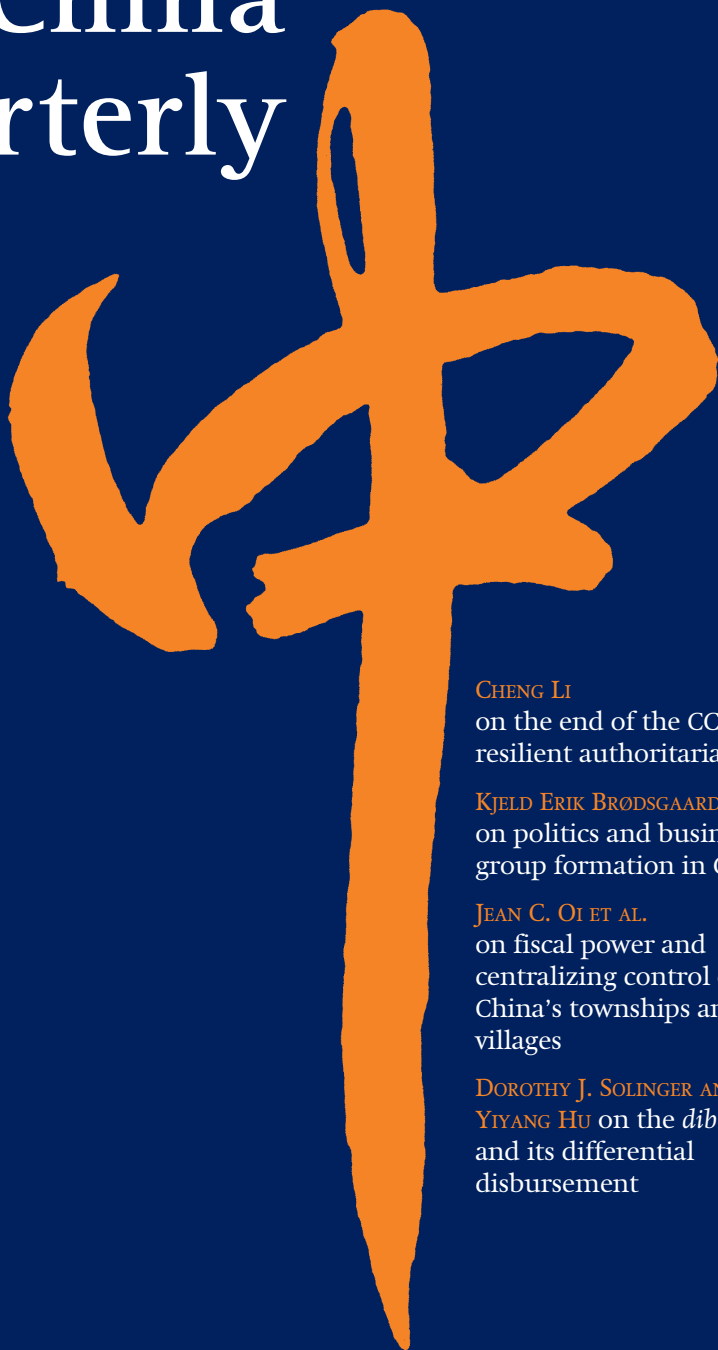


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Besides her professional life as an editor, Alison was a world-renowned bell ringer. Her achievements were celebrated with peals of bells at Worcester Cathedral, where her funeral was held, and around the globe.