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This talk will describe the current legal situation for NPOs/CSOs in China including the three types of permitted organizations and the “dual management” issue.

Recent developments aimed at making registration easier will be discussed along with scandals in the charity sector and attempts to make organizations more accountable to the public and their donors.