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Abstract: Accepted theories of economic growth and growth takeoff cannot explain the rise of China. Dr. Wen will present an alternative theory, namely that China was able to take off because the government designed the right industrial policies and created markets in the correct sequence for Chinese businesses.