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Important new Article suggests a way forward in Tibet

“ESTABLISHING A WORKABLE AUTONOMY IN TIBET”

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BALTIMORE, MD (May 20, 2008) – China’s policies towards neighboring Tibet have sparked controversy and concern among governments and NGO’s for decades. Calls for dialogue and action began to intensify in March of this year as the Tibetan question assumed increased visibility because of events leading up the 2008 Beijing summer Olympics. Threats by foreign leaders to boycott the Game’s opening ceremony have helped compel China to begin discussions with representatives of the Dalai Lama. Many question the sincerity of China’s initiative, especially given the country’s history of denying that the Tibetan issue exists. What is clear is that Tibet and China will be front and center on the world stage this summer as once again sport and politics collide against the spectacle of the Beijing Games.

It is within this charged context that the Johns Hopkins University Press and the Urban Morgan Institute at the University of Cincinnati’s College of Law are pleased to make available at no cost for a limited time the article “Establishing a Workable Autonomy in Tibet,” written by Michael C. Davis, professor of law at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. This timely and important contribution towards a deep understanding of the Tibetan-Sino question appears in the May 2008 issue of *Human Rights Quarterly* and can be accessed at http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/human_rights_quarterly/sample.html.

Davis’s article explores China’s historical relationship with Tibet and demonstrates how the failure of China’s current policies has contributed to the growing tension. Most importantly, the author recommends a solution that is based on China’s own constitution. “Establishing a Workable Autonomy in Tibet” is required reading for those wishing for a richer understanding of this issue and a discussion of a pragmatic and tenable movement towards resolution.

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