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There Are No Slaves in the New China: BDSM in China and Taiwan

新中國並沒有奴隸：BDSM 在中國大陸與台灣

“Freedom” has been the preeminent value in the West since the time of Athenian democracy, and slavery is its anti-type. Yet, for many Western practitioners of BDSM—that is, Bondage-Discipline/Dominance-Submission/Sado-Masochism—submission to conditional enslavement by a trusted person provides relief from status anxiety and other worries, and it is a particularly attractive option for the freest and the most highly accomplished people. So what are we to make of the increasing popularity of BDSM, including shibari, among Chinese and Taiwanese young people, who avow that “freedom” is not an indigenously Chinese value, so BDSM provides no such relief for them?



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