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## Promoting Academic Development, Shouldering Cultural Missions, and Accelerating the Construction of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation — A Post-print Review of the Attention Report Release Conference

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### Abstract

[Purpose/Significance] To implement the important spirit of General Secretary Xi Jinping's speeches at the symposium on philosophy and social sciences and the symposium on cultural inheritance and development, and to accelerate the construction of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation.

[Method/Process] On May 17, 2024, the release conference for the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation Attention Report was successfully held. The conference released the "National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation Chinese Journals User Attention Report (2023)".

[Results/Conclusion] The release at this conference regarding user attention to Chinese journals at the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation in 2023 is conducive to the integrated development and open sharing of China's philosophy and social sciences journals, and further promotes the construction and development of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation.

### Full Text

#### Preamble

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Sciences Documentation—A Review of the Conference on the Report on Access and Use of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation

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**Abstract:** [Purpose/Significance] This review aims to implement the spirit of General Secretary Xi Jinping's important speeches at the Symposium on Philosophy and Social Sciences Work and the Symposium on Cultural Inheritance and Development, and to accelerate the construction of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation. [Method/Process] On May 17, 2024, the Conference on the Report on Access and Use of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation was successfully held, where the *Report on Chinese Journal Access and Use of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation (2023)* was released. [Result/Conclusion] The release of data on Chinese journal usage by the center's users in 2023 will facilitate the integrated development and open sharing of Chinese philosophy and social sciences journals, and further promote the construction and development of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation.

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## Conference Overview

On May 17, 2024, the eighth anniversary of General Secretary Xi Jinping's important speech at the Symposium on Philosophy and Social Sciences Work and approaching the first anniversary of his inspection of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences' Institute of Chinese History and his important speech at the Symposium on Cultural Inheritance and Development, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences held the Conference on the Report on Access and Use of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation in Beijing. Gao Xiang, President and Party Secretary of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, attended and addressed the conference, which was chaired by Zhao Zhimin, Secretary-General and Party Committee Member of the Academy. Zhao Chuandong, Deputy Director of the National Office for Philosophy and Social Sciences, delivered opening remarks. The conference released the *Report on Chinese Journal Access and Use of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation (2023)*.

## 1 Conference Background

On May 17, 2016, General Secretary Xi Jinping delivered an important speech at the Symposium on Philosophy and Social Sciences Work, charting the course and providing fundamental guidance for the prosperity and development of philosophy and social sciences in the new era. In this speech, he explicitly proposed the important task of “accelerating the construction of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation” [1]. The Party Group of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences has resolutely implemented General Secretary Xi Jinping’s important speeches and instructions, consistently prioritizing the construction of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation as a key task of the Academy, providing strong support and active coordination while guiding the Academy’s Library and relevant units to pioneer and innovate, thereby driving the rapid development of the center to new heights. To summarize the achievements and experiences of the center’s construction, leverage its role as a public welfare academic communication platform, further promote the integrated development of China’s academic journals, and advance the global dissemination of the Party’s innovative theories and China’s outstanding academic achievements in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the People’s Republic of China, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences organized this conference.

## 2 Leadership Speeches and Addresses

In his speech, Gao Xiang emphasized that General Secretary Xi Jinping’s series of important speeches and instructions on philosophy and social sciences work profoundly reflect the high expectations and deep concern of the Party’s leader for this field. Philosophy and social sciences workers must earnestly shoulder the historical mission and contemporary responsibility of constructing an independent knowledge system for Chinese philosophy and social sciences and building a modern Chinese civilization.

Gao Xiang noted that the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation has achieved considerable development, particularly playing a unique role and advantage in promoting the dissemination of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, while also serving an irreplaceable function in supporting the construction of philosophy and social sciences with Chinese characteristics and enhancing the influence and reach of Chinese academic achievements.

Gao Xiang pointed out that in future development, the center must enhance its political positioning, meticulously implement General Secretary Xi Jinping’s important speeches and instructions, uphold Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era as its banner and soul, deeply comprehend the decisive significance of the “Two Establishments,” fully implement the spirit of the 20th Party Congress and the Second Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee, and thoroughly study, research, and interpret the Party’s

innovative theories, particularly Xi Jinping Thought on Culture. Taking the “Project for Research and Interpretation of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era” as a key initiative, the center should contribute to the systematic and theoretical development of the Party’s innovative theories. It must prioritize cultural inheritance and development, promote the creative transformation and innovative development of excellent traditional Chinese culture, focus on the significant contemporary proposition of “building a modern Chinese civilization,” deepen research on Chinese civilization, elucidate modern Chinese civilization, and continuously advance the integration of Marxist basic principles with excellent traditional Chinese culture. The center should strengthen its international communication capacity and promote mutual learning among civilizations by leveraging its unique advantages as a public welfare academic communication platform to enhance overseas dissemination of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and Chinese academic achievements, telling the story of Chinese modernization in the new era and the stories of the Chinese nation, Chinese history, and Chinese culture. As both a physical and data center, the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation must become a high-level important platform for international academic exchange and dialogue, continuously expanding its resource collection scope, especially in “endangered disciplines,” unpopular fields, niche subjects, and interdisciplinary studies, shouldering the mission of showcasing academic frontiers and leading academic development, enhancing its connotation and service quality, striving to open new horizons for its construction and development, and building itself into a “domestically top-tier, internationally first-class” comprehensive high-end platform for philosophy and social sciences with Chinese characteristics.

In his address, Zhao Chuandong noted that as an important task proposed by General Secretary Xi Jinping, the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation has already yielded fruitful construction results, fully playing its role as a convenient and resource-sharing information platform for philosophy and social sciences research while continuously promoting the integrated development of academic journals. The center must continue to prioritize the in-depth research and interpretation of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era as its primary political task, continuously promoting systematic and theoretical research and interpretation of the Party’s innovative theories, resolutely safeguarding the ideological front in philosophy and social sciences, driving academic innovation, better leveraging academic resources to serve decision-making, and advocating for excellent academic conduct. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the People’s Republic of China and is a crucial year for achieving the goals and tasks of the 14th Five-Year Plan. It is hoped that under the strong leadership of the Party Group of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the center will fully utilize its academic and talent advantages, actively apply cutting-edge technologies, continuously integrate academic resources, strive to become an important guarantee institution for social science information and documentation in China, an indispensable and

user-friendly academic platform for philosophy and social sciences workers, and an important window for exchanging academic information, disseminating academic achievements, and showcasing the development achievements of Chinese philosophy and social sciences.

### **3 Release of the *Report on Chinese Journal Access and Use of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation (2023)***

Since its inception, the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation has prioritized promoting the digital dissemination and integrated development of academic journals. Beginning in 2018, the center has released an annual report on Chinese journal access and use, using user data and an attention index to conduct statistical analysis of journal popularity, selecting the most popular journals and discipline-specific favorites to provide reference for the digital dissemination of Chinese philosophy and social sciences journals from a public usage perspective.

By the end of 2023, the center had made significant progress in resource integration, having collected 2,356 Chinese academic journals (an increase of 80 from 2022), launched 132 new journal collections for the first time, and made available over 13.83 million articles (an increase of 630,000 from 2022). Additionally, 207 journals with priority publishing status and 832 articles were launched, continuously expanding the collection of excellent academic articles across all disciplines .

In terms of system construction, the center launched a priority publishing system for journal articles, substantially shortening publication cycles and enhancing dissemination efficiency; introduced a “Journal Collection Column” to centrally collect and display digital resources from journal collections; and completed optimization and revision of the “Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era Column,” further improving system functions, enhancing user experience, and elevating service capabilities.

Regarding user services, the center’s total visits exceeded 1.27 billion, with over 160 million article views and downloads. In 2023 alone, visits surpassed 270 million, with views and downloads exceeding 32 million. The center serves 90,000 domestic institutional users, over 1,000 foreign institutional users, and more than 7 million individual users. In 2023, 410 new institutional users and over 1 million new individual users were added from more than 190 countries and regions, making it the largest open-access academic platform for Chinese philosophy and social sciences. The center continues to provide public welfare academic information services to various institutions and the public, further enhancing the dissemination effectiveness of the Party’s innovative theories and providing support for accelerating the construction of an independent Chinese knowledge system and the prosperous development of philosophy and social sciences with Chinese characteristics.

Based on backend data from the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation, this report statistics and analyzes user data from January 1 to December 31, 2023. Using online views and downloads as basic statistical indicators, the report establishes a “Journal Attention Index” and a “Disciplinary Attention Index” as the basis for statistical analysis, comprehensively reflecting user attention and usage of Chinese journals in the center during a specific period. The report covers journal attention, disciplinary attention, topic attention, priority publishing journal attention, geographical distribution of journal attention, and institutional user usage.

### 3.1 Journal Attention

The most important component of the report is journal attention. To ensure data comparability, the report selected only 1,999 Chinese journals that were launched before January 1, 2023, and had measurable views and downloads. Based on the calculation method of the “Journal Attention Index,” statistical analysis and ranking of user attention yielded the 20 most popular Chinese journals in 2023 (see ), the 10 most popular new journals (see ), and a total of 193 most popular journals across various disciplines. Additionally, to enhance academic exchange and promote cultural dissemination, and at the request of relevant editorial departments, the report analyzed data from 23 domestic English-language journals, included as an appendix (not listed here due to space limitations).

### 3.2 Disciplinary Attention

Based on the disciplinary categories of Chinese journal articles, the collected journals were classified into 24 disciplines including comprehensive humanities and social sciences, Marxism, philosophy, and religious studies. Analysis of the 2023 Journal Attention Index rankings revealed that the top 20 journals were primarily distributed across 10 disciplinary fields including history, archaeology, comprehensive humanities and social sciences, Marxism, economics, and political science. The distribution of these top 20 journals by discipline is shown in [Figure 1: see original paper].

### 3.3 Topic Attention

To identify the most researched topics of user interest from January 1 to December 31, 2023, the report analyzed search term frequency by users. Journals with high search frequency were designated as “Hot Search Chinese Journals,” and keywords with high search frequency were designated as “Hot Search Keywords.” The top 20 hot search Chinese journals and hot search keywords are shown in and , respectively.

Based on the hot search keywords in and their search frequency changes throughout 2023, a corresponding theme river chart was created, as shown in [Figure 2: see original paper]. By aggregating reading and download frequencies across

different access terminals in 2023, corresponding statistics were compiled to generate a title word cloud illustrating user interest in Chinese journal article topics, shown in [Figure 3: see original paper].

### 3.4 Priority Publishing Attention

In 2023, the center's priority publishing system for journal articles was officially launched, allowing articles approved and finalized by editorial departments to be published in advance on the platform for user search, reading, and download. By statistically analyzing views and downloads of priority-published articles in 2023 (counting only those listed on the priority publishing page, excluding views/downloads after formal publication), and ranking by usage volume (sum of views and downloads), the top 20 journals among the top 10% are shown in .

### 3.5 Geographical Distribution of Journal Attention

The report statistics user IP data from 2023 to rank visits from domestic provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities, and Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan (see ), as well as visits from foreign countries and regions (top 10 shown in ). Additionally, by statistics foreign users' journal article reading and download volumes, the top 20 journals by usage volume (sum of views and downloads) are listed in .

### 3.6 Institutional User Usage

Based on domestic institutional users' reading and download volumes in 2023, the report statistics their usage volume and selects the top 20 institutions by total usage and the top 10 institutions by category (academies of social sciences, universities, party schools, and public libraries). The top 20 institutional users by total usage are shown in .

## 4 Representative Speeches

During the conference, invited representatives from journal editorial departments and institutional users delivered speeches. Wei Changbao, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of *Chinese Social Sciences Today*, stated that the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation represents an important measure and concrete manifestation of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences' implementation of General Secretary Xi Jinping's important speech at the Symposium on Philosophy and Social Sciences Work. Over the past eight years, the center has served as an excellent communication platform for promoting public welfare services and global dissemination of outstanding research achievements. *Chinese Social Sciences Today* will continue to strengthen exchange and cooperation with the center to accelerate the construction of a high-end academic communication platform for philosophy and social sciences and jointly compose a new chapter in the high-quality development of philosophy and social sciences with Chinese characteristics in the new era.

Liu Jing, Director of the Editorial Department of *Economics* at Peking University, noted that the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation has built a platform for resource integration, open sharing, and international dissemination of Chinese philosophy and social sciences academic journals, achieving remarkable success in constructing a Chinese-characteristic academic communication platform.

Han Yong, Director of the Library of the Party School of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Committee (Guangxi Institute of Administration), expressed that the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, adhering to the spirit of General Secretary Xi Jinping's important speech, has made concerted efforts to advance the construction of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation with fruitful results. The open, public welfare, authoritative, and academic information resource services provided by the center serve as valuable aids for research, policy consultation, and teaching. The center's public welfare academic resources effectively compensate for the shortage of public cultural service resources at the grassroots level, providing abundant cultural resources for cadres and the masses and realizing the delivery of cultural resources to rural areas.

Chen Hong, Deputy Director of the Standing Committee of Zitong County People's Congress in Mianyang City, Sichuan Province, stated that Zitong has vigorously promoted the use of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation platform, obtaining substantial literature information resources and intellectual support for grassroots research, Party and government decision-making, and primary and secondary school education, thereby helping to improve local theoretical levels, reduce expenses, and promote regional development. With its rich resources and convenient access, the center is highly regarded by Party and government officials and primary and secondary school teachers. Zitong No. 71 Vocational School, in particular, has enriched its educational resources by introducing the platform, stimulating teachers' enthusiasm, and significantly improving both the social and economic benefits of school operation.

## Conclusion

Held on the eighth anniversary of General Secretary Xi Jinping's important speech at the Symposium on Philosophy and Social Sciences Work and the first anniversary of his inspection of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences' Institute of Chinese History and important speech at the Symposium on Cultural Inheritance and Development, this conference represents an important measure to thoroughly implement General Secretary Xi Jinping's important speech spirit. The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences will continue to deeply implement his important speech spirit, guided by Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, focusing on the core theme of "running the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences well according to the requirements of General Secretary Xi Jinping and the Party Central Committee," based on the

Academy’s “three orientations,” practicing its “three consensuses,” and taking the implementation of General Secretary Xi Jinping’s important speech spirit as its primary political task and theoretical-academic mission to further accelerate the construction of the National Center for Philosophy and Social Sciences Documentation. On the new journey of Chinese modernization, the Academy will continue to break new ground and write new chapters, building the center into a “Chinese-characteristic, world-class academic resource information platform” [2], fully leveraging its advantages as a public welfare academic communication platform to provide solid support for accelerating the construction of philosophy and social sciences with Chinese characteristics and an independent Chinese knowledge system, and making new and greater contributions to building a strong cultural nation and a modern Chinese civilization.

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