# Contents

Preface to the Paperback Edition	ix
Acknowledgments xxiii	
Introduction xxvii	

#### PART ONE Politics 1

1. From Communism to Confucianism:	
Changing Discourses on China's Political Future	3
2 W. D. Lol. 1 G.C.D. 10	

- 2. War, Peace, and China's Soft Power 19
- 3. Hierarchical Rituals for Egalitarian Societies 38

### Part Two Society 57

- 4. Sex, Singing, and Civility:
  The Costs and Benefits of the Karaoke Trade 59
  - How Should Employers Treat Domestic Workers? 75
- 6. The Politics of Sports: From the 2006 World Cup to the 2008 Olympics 91

## Part Three Education 105

- 7. A Critique of Critical Thinking 107
- 8. Teaching Political Theory in Beijing 128
  - 9. On Being Confucian: Why Confucians Needn't Be Old, Serious, and Conservative 148

#### Appendices

- 1. Depoliticizing the Analects 163
- 2. Jiang Qing's Political Confucianism 175

Index 231