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°有位未来学者声称,今天社会的显著变化之一是:人类社会已从"年轻人向长者学习"的"后喻"文化,转变为"成年人和儿童主要都向同代人学习"的"同喻"文化;下一阶段将是"长者向年轻人学习"的"前喻"文化。

事实上,年轻人与年长者之间总是互相学习的。如果把这位未来学者的说法绝对化,不免失之偏颇;但他指出年轻人越来越走在前头的趋势,则是很有见地的。八十年代中期,我国学术理论界就有一股颇为引人瞩目的"前喻"文化潮流。一批青年学者奋然崛起,以犀利的锐气、独到的见识和严谨的学风,向我们展现了不少令人振奋的新的研究成果。这决不是偶然的,是党的十一届三中全会以来的新形势,为这批新人的茁壮成长提供了清新的空气和肥沃的土壤。

当前,世界性的新技术革命迅速而又深刻 地改变着人类的社会生活和观念形态,同时推 动着人类知识系统的高度互参,新领域、新学 科、新课题不断地被开拓。面对这新情况,年

出版前言 CHUBAN OIANYAN

长者和青年人必然地处在同一起跑线上。由于 青年人拥有思维结构灵活的优势,因此,可能 思想更解放,更勇于探索,他们的研究也就可 能更富有生命力,更富于创造性。

面对学术理论界新入辈出的形势,出版工作者有责任把他们的有价值的研究成果推向社会。这对于我国学术的繁荣和新人的成长都将是十分有益的。为此,我社决定出版"青年学者丛书"。

出版"青年学者丛书"是个新的尝试。我们 渴望这套丛书能获得青年学者们的支持,向我 们出示你们的最新、最佳的研究成果。同时, 我们也期待德高望重的前辈学者,给予热忱的 关怀和帮助。毫无疑问,任何新的成果都是在 继承传统的基础上获得的,任何一个青年学者 的成长都有赖于前辈的扶持。

我们和青年学者一起瞻望着中国学术的未 来。

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Prologue

A futurist once stated that one of the remarkable changes in the present-day society is that human society has undergone a transition from the culture of "the younger learn from the elder" into the culture of "both the adults and the children learn from their contemporaries." What's more, the next phase will be a culture of "the elder learn from the younger."

In fact, the younger and the elder always learn from each other. It is unfair to think of this futurist's idea in terms of absolutes: however, it is quite sagacious of him to point out the tendency that the younger generation is marching increasingly ahead. The mid-1980s noticed a striking upsurge of the culture of "the elder learn from the younger" in China's academic and theoretic circles. A lot of young scholars came into prominence. Dashing in spirit, original in viewponts, and rigorous in study style, they have displayed quite a number of inspiring new accomplishments in their researches. But all these did not come by accident; it is the new situation since the Third Plenary Session of the Eleventh National Congress of the Communist Party of China that has provided fresh

air and fertile soli for the healthy growth of this new generation.

At present, the worldwide new technological revolution is rapidly and profoundly transforming the human social life and ideology as well as promoting the extensive inter-infiltration among human knowledge systems. Consequently, new areas, new subjects, and new problems have been constantly probed into and developed. In light of this new situation, the elder and the younger are actually at the same starting point. Because the younger generation enjoy the advantage of flexibility in their thinking mode, they are likely to be more liberal-minded and more explorative; therefore, their researches would probably demonstrate more vitality and creativity.

In veiw of the situation in which new stars are coming forth in large numbers in the academic and theoretic circles, we publishing workers feel obliged to introduce their valuable research fruits to the public. This will be, without doubt, very beneficial for prosperity in our academic fields and for the development of the new stars. Thus, our publishing house has decided to publish "Young Scholars" Series."

The pubishing of "Young Scholars' Series" is but a new attempt of ours. We sincerely expect young scholars' support for this series by offering us their most up-to-date and best resaerch results. Meanwhile, we also long for warm-hearted concern and assistance from our respectable elder scholars. Undoubtedly, the acquisition of any new result is based on the inheritance of traditions, and the growth of any young scholar is dependent on the support from his elders.

Together with our young scholars, we are looking forward to China's academic future!

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