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How seriously should we take the Chinese government’s discourse about ‘ecological civilization’? Mette Halskov Hansen argues that whatever the shortcomings of this rather grandiose notion, it offers an invaluable means of engaging China in important global debates about the future of the planet – and should not simply be glibly dismissed as an exercise in green-washing. She finds particular hope in pop-up local environmental initiatives that deploy the official discourse creatively to advance a green agenda.

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In this episode of *The Nordic Asia Podcast*, hosted by the *New Books Network*, Duncan McCargo interviews Mette Halskov Hansen, professor of China studies at the University of Oslo.

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