China's regional relations: Evolving foreign policy dynamics


Abstract

The world seems to have become obsessed with China. It's not hard to see why. Whether it is the unprecedented speed and scale of its economic development, the possible threat posed by its military and territorial ambitions, or the more diffuse influence of its culture and people, China is continuously in the headlines and seems to have changed not only the world around us but the way we understand it. Coming to terms with the "rise of China" is not just something that preoccupies the world's media, though. On the contrary, policymakers and analysts everywhere are having to rethink the way they understand the evolution of the international system and China's place within it. Will China be a "responsible stakeholder," as former deputy secretary of state and World Bank president Robert Zoellick famously demanded, or will its growing economic, political, and military power present a fundamental challenge to the existing order? More pertinent for prominent US policymakers such as Zoellick, will China threaten the hitherto dominant position of the United States itself?

Only a decade ago such a question might have seemed preposterous. As we shall see, for some observers—especially in the United States—it still does. But a growing number of people think that the rise of China really does have the potential to change the existing distribution of power and influence in the international system in ways that will have consequences for China itself, for the United States as the world's existing "hegemonic" or dominant power, and especially for China's neighbors, who have been the first to feel the real impact of China's growing power and presence. This last group of states and peoples is the primary focus of this book.

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China's Regional Relations: Evolving Foreign Policy Dynamics. Has China's much-discussed “charm offensive” come to an end? Are fears about the country's more assertive foreign policies justified? How will a rising China interact with its regional neighbors? Mark Beeson and Fujian Li address these questions by comprehensively exploring the n Full description. China's Regional Relations book. Read reviews from world's largest community for readers. Goodreads helps you keep track of books you want to read. Start by marking "China's Regional Relations: Evolving Foreign Policy Dynamics" as Want to Read: Want to Read saving… Want to Read. Currently Reading. Read. Other editions. Enlarge cover. China's foreign policy spokespersons also frequently mention the PRC's commitment to the aforementioned Pancha Shila. A modern re-working of five Buddhist principles that sound much like the Ten Commandments, the Pancha Shila were updated to include concepts such as mutual respect among nations, non-interference in each other's domestic affairs, and peaceful coexistence. China currently cannot. though it is certainly a regional power. Will the PRC become a superpower? The economic gains of the past 25 years have been hugely impressive, but there are doubts about how long they can continue. China's soft power may diminish as well. Managing international relations will not be as easy for Beijing. China's international relations were based on the concept of suzerainty, not sovereignty. China saw itself as the world's cultural and political center. China's approach to international relations and foreign policy has been shaped by its geopolitical history. China's vast amounts of territory are inhabited by diverse groups of people—each with distinct cultural, political, economic, and religious traditions. Today, the Chinese Communist Party aims to forge a single, homogeneous "Chinese" national identity. As competing sovereign entities, European nation-states were actors an evolving political system that would eventually become known as the balance of power. This system upended the universalist status quo following the Peace of Westphalia in 1648. The New Silk Road and China's Evolving Grand Strategy. Leverett et al. The Use of “Comrade” as a Political Instrument in the Chinese Communist Party, from Mao to Xi. Kohlenberg. United Front Work and Mechanisms of Countermobilization in Hong Kong. Cheng. Framing the Funeral: Death Rituals of Chinese Communist Party Leaders.