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## Debating the China-India 'Great Game' Allegory: The Case of Myanmar

Since the end of the Cold War, the relationship between India and China has reached a high level of complexity. The two emerging powers are bound to redefine Asia, if not the global understanding of international politics, it is often claimed. The implications of their simultaneous rise have therefore been at the heart of hotly-debated discussions in the region. Given the legacy of hostilities, the very idea of a Sino-Indian "rivalry" taking shape has become extremely popular among scholars and policy circles alike. This talk aims to revisit this allegory on a rising China-India "Great Game". In particular, it will focus on the case of Myanmar (Burma), one of the few states sharing borders with both giants. Drawing on extensive field trips inside Myanmar and along its Indian and Chinese borderlands, the talk will deconstruct the common discourse on Myanmar being used by Beijing and Delhi as a mere playground for their emerging "rivalry".

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*(Tea & coffee will be served at 4:15 pm)*

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