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Cashing In, Buying Out: Asian Responses to Power Transition and the U.S.-China Security Dilemma

Power transition does not occur in a vacuum. Reactions from regional actors influence both attempts to shape regional order and the nature of the resulting system. In this light, the talk examines how disparate responses to power transition by regional actors in the Asia-Pacific aggregate to exacerbate or temper the contemporary security dilemma between China and the United States. Chong investigates how individual efforts by Asian states to safeguard their interests under the uncertainties of power transition can collectively affect Sino-U.S. ties today. He contrasts the contemporary period with other moments of apparent U.S. drawdowns in Asia between the 1950s through the 1990s.

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