



Political Analysis on Multiple Images of Contemporary China International Strategy

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Multiple Images of Contemporary China

- Since the reform and opening up, China's economic miracle shocked the world. Along with China's economic development, the rise of China has become the world's obvious facts in the growth of China's power, while also changing the pattern of international relations.
- So there are three kinds of China's different political opinions: "China threat ", "China Opportunity" and "The rejuvenation of the Chinese nation "in the international area, and the three political opinions build the three different international strategy images of China: destroyer, cooperator and builder.



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- Through different perspectives of three international public opinions, The article try to reconstruct the different international strategy images of China by means of political science methods ,to deepen the understanding of multi-dimensional international strategic image of China, to promote the positive strategy image of China in the international area.
- China threat
- China Opportunity
- Rejuvenation of the Chinese nation



China Threat : The realism perspective on China strategy image

- Since the reform and opening up, China's rapid economic development, comprehensive national strength has improved, China is gradually changing contemporary international political and economic structure.
- US-led Western world as a contemporary international political and economic order and the leader world negative toward China's rise. They see China as a challenger of the contemporary world order, China is becoming the biggest threat to the world hegemony which led by US.



China Threat

- Realism analysis: "Thucydides Trap"
- The international system is anarchic logic of having a single system of self-service, national unity is rational actors, changes in the international architecture is really just within the international system "pole" of the number of changes.
- Composed of national interest is material. Different architecture is entirely due to the "pole" in the distribution of material in different capacities in the decision.
- So the US and other major Western countries have begun to develop strategies to contain China, and made up "China threat" theory in the international public opinion, continue to shape China as a "destroyer" of international strategy image.



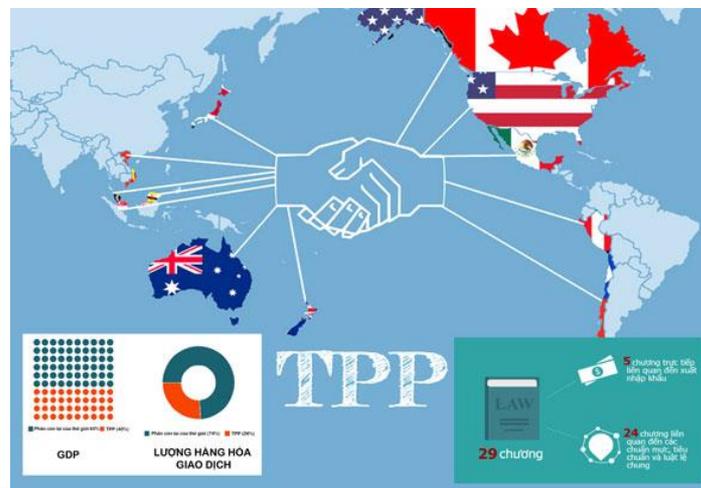
China Threat

- Thucydides Trap is a metaphor that reminds us of the inevitable structural stress that occurs when a rising power threatens to displace a ruling power.
- For summaries of these 16 cases and the methodology for selecting them, and for a forum to register additions, subtractions, revisions, and disagreements with the cases, please visit the Harvard Belfer Center's Thucydides Trap Case File.

	Period		Ruling Power	Rising Power		Result
1	First half of 16th century		France	Hapsburgs		War
2	16th–17th centuries		Hapsburgs	Ottoman Empire		War
3	17th century		Hapsburgs	Sweden		War
4	17th century		Dutch Republic	England		War
5	Late 17th–early 18th centuries		France	Great Britain		War
6	Late 18th–early 19th centuries		United Kingdom	France		War
7	Mid-19th century		United Kingdom, France	Russia		War
8	19th century		France	Germany		War
9	Late 19th–early 20th centuries		Russia, China	Japan		War
10	Early 20th century		United Kingdom	United States		No war
11	Early 20th century		Russia, U.K., France	Germany		War
12	Mid-20th century		Soviet Union, U.K., France	Germany		War
13	Mid-20th century		United States	Japan		War
14	1970s–1980s		Soviet Union	Japan		No war
15	1940s–1980s		United States	Soviet Union		No war
16	1990s–present		United Kingdom, France	Germany		No war



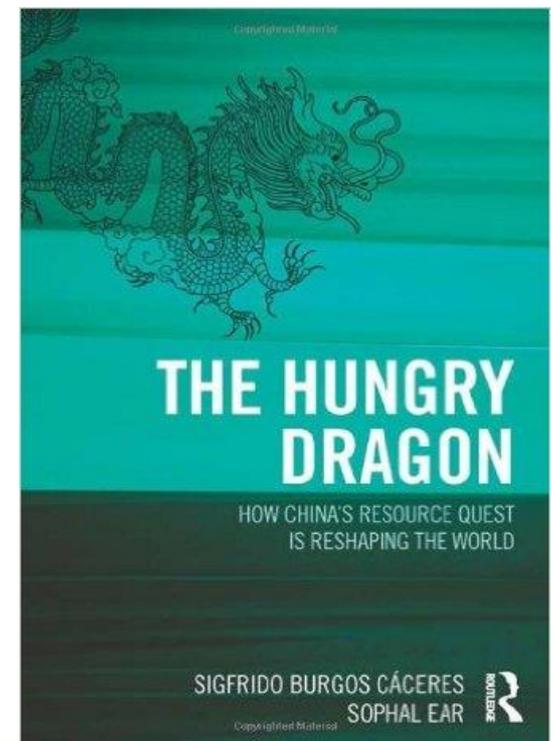
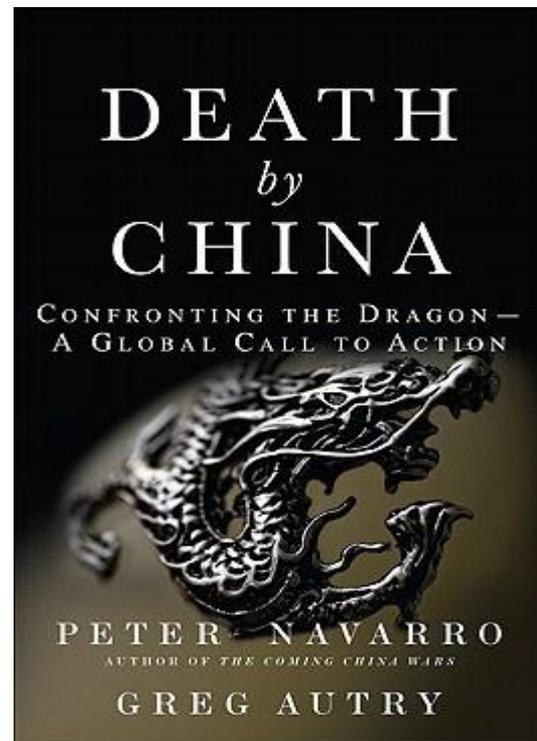
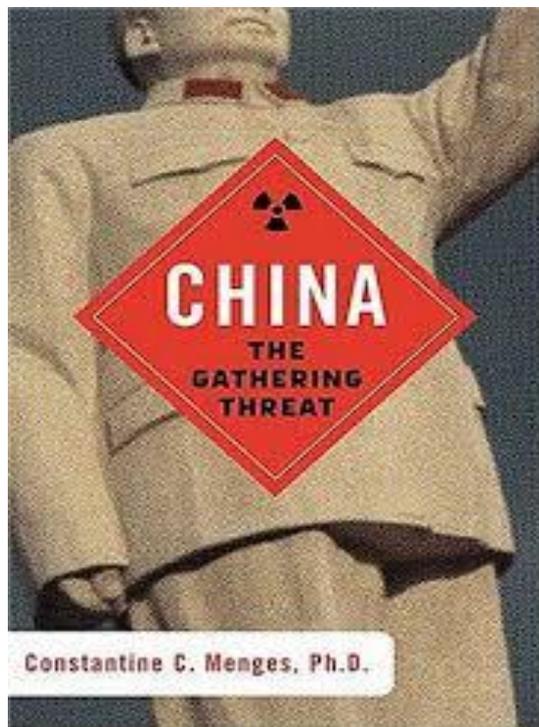
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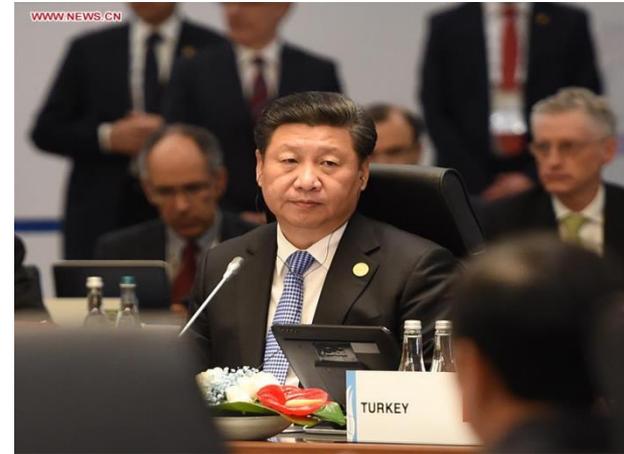
- Strategic image of China Threat : spoilers of International Order





China Opportunity: The neoliberal perspective on China strategy image

- China, as the world's second largest economy, has the confidence and ability to sustain a medium-high growth rate and continue to create development opportunities for other countries.



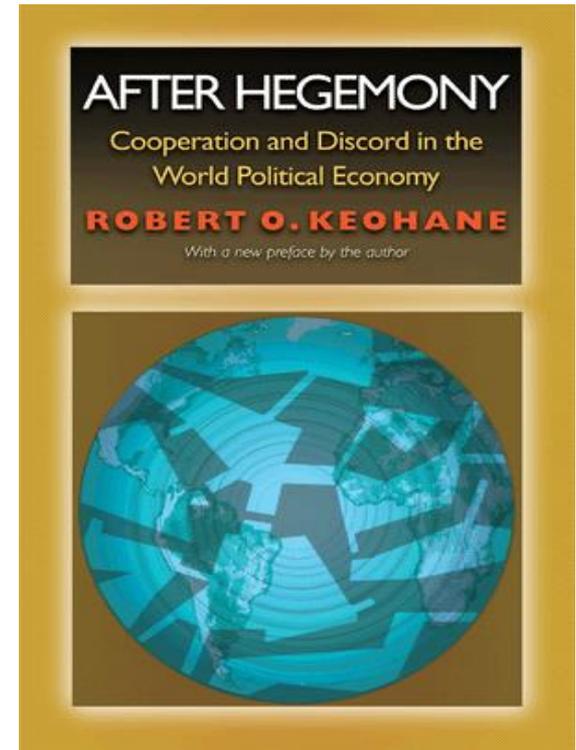
- China hopes that its own development and that of its neighbors will complement each other, and China welcomes its neighbors to board the fast train of China's development so that they can share more from China's development.



China Opportunity

- Neo-liberalism analysis: consensus of the international cooperation

- Although the allocation of national physical force determine the structure of the international system, but international organizations, international regulations and international practice of state will have an impact under the same structural conditions of the international regime, so international cooperation is possible.





China Opportunity

- Avoid the "zero-sum game" and "Thucydides Trap" : establish the new relations between big powers





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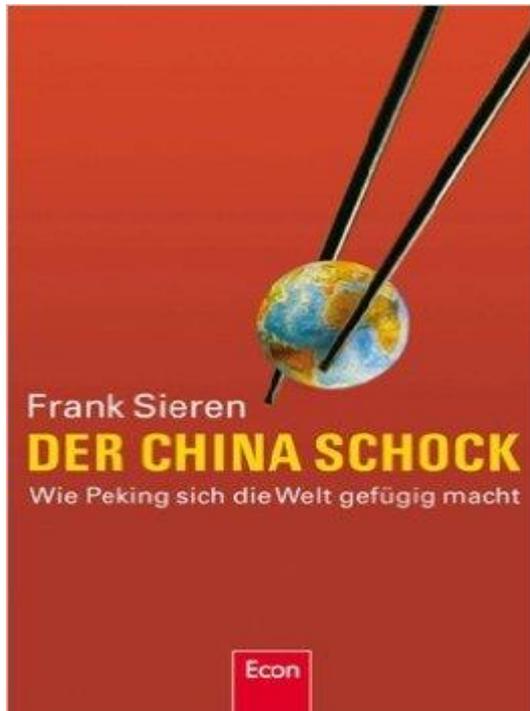
- Seek to maximize common interests: create a community of shared future for Mankind





China Opportunity

- Strategic image of China opportunity : the world development partners



The United States welcomes China as a rising power. We welcome China's efforts not only to lift their own people out of poverty, but to export prosperity and opportunity.

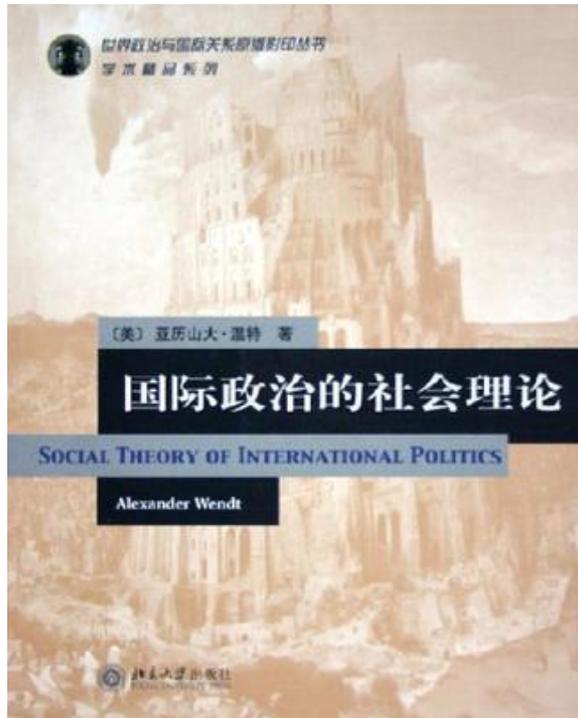
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Rejuvenation of the Chinese nation : The constructivism perspective on China strategy image

- Constructivism analysis: Rejuvenation of the Chinese nation

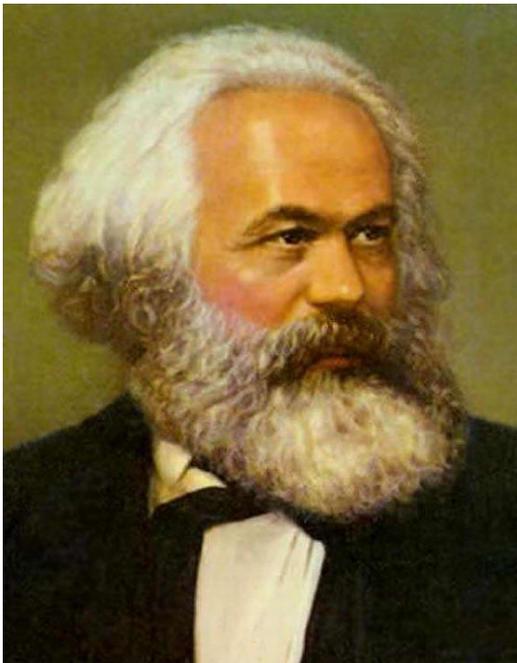


- Structure of human relations is primarily determined by the total concept rather than physical force.
- Identity and interests of actors is to be constructed by these shared idea made rather than natural inherent.



Rejuvenation of the Chinese nation

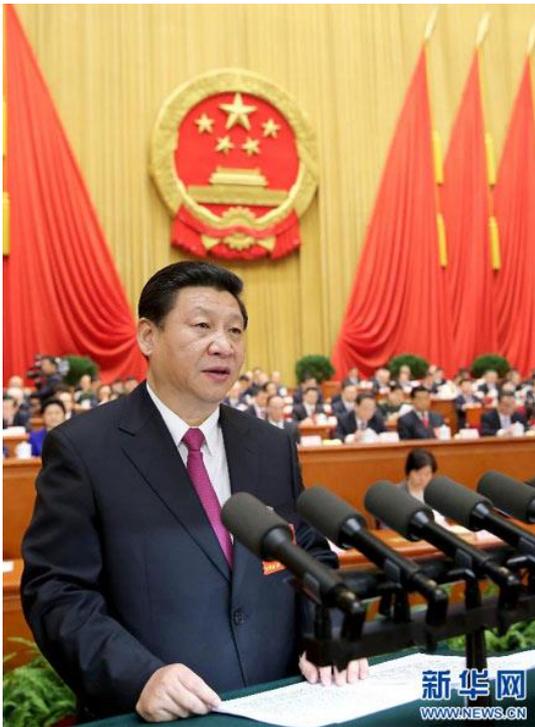
- Chinese renaissance is compatible with the world values.
- The Renaissance of China is not a copy of Western values in China. "Chinese characteristics" has become one of the connotation of Chinese renaissance.





Rejuvenation of the Chinese nation

- Strategic image of China Renaissance : Justice builders

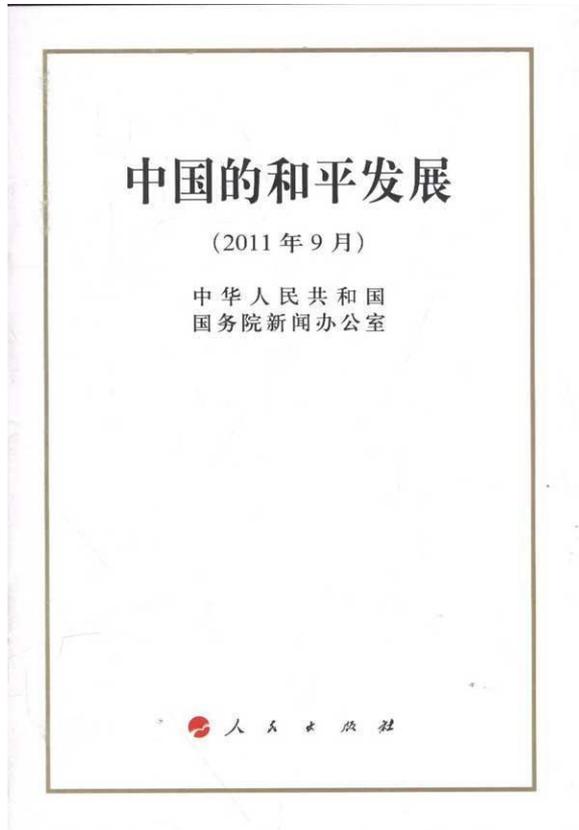


Chinese are peace-loving people. We will hold high the banner of peace, development, cooperation and mutual benefit; unwaveringly take the path of peaceful development; unwaveringly follow a win-win strategy of opening up; be committed to developing friendship and cooperation with other countries; fulfill our international responsibilities and obligations; and continue to work with the peoples of all other countries in promoting the lofty cause of peace and development of humankind.



Rejuvenation of the Chinese nation

- Strategic image of China Renaissance : Justice builders



Through arduous struggle, the Chinese people have succeeded in finding a path of development conforming to China's reality — the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

the central goal of China's diplomacy is to create a peaceful and stable international environment for its development. In the meantime, China strives to make its due contribution to world peace and development. It never engages in aggression or expansion, never seeks hegemony, and remains a staunch force for upholding regional and world peace and stability.