The Future of India-China Relations

Abstract
India-China relations have elements of cooperation and competition. On the heels of China, India has emerged as one of the world’s fastest growing economies, albeit with completely different political and social systems. India is set to overtake China’s population and become one of the top three economies by 2040.

China’s dramatic rise has altered the geo-economic and geo-political equilibrium in the Indo-Pacific. The ongoing US-China trade war, the Belt and Road Initiative, the postling in the South China Sea and China’s forays in the Indian Ocean add to the complex challenge of shaping the regional security architecture.

India and China have succeeded in maintaining peace and tranquility on their long border. Prime Minister Modi and President Xi have agreed to provide strategic guidance to enhance mutual trust and cooperation. The key to better ties lies in a ‘closer development partnership’, being mutually sensitive to each other’s core concerns, and fire-walling the bilateral track from third-country considerations.

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