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China's Peaceful Rise

Understanding the Debate



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Abstract:

Since the concept of “China’s Peaceful Rise” first officially surfaced in a speech at “the Boao Forum for Asia” in 2003, it has drawn immense interest in China and abroad. While many consent that it manifests Chinese determination to take a “new pathway” to rise, which differentiates from the confronting approach perused by powers in early 20th Century, critics put doubts either about the notion of “Peaceful” or the word of “Rise”.

In the presentation, she would like to give a clear description of the debate itself and then offer an explanation on the strategic thinking behind the phrase.

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