

China's Grand Strategy from Mao Zedong to Xi Jinping: Unraveling the Strategic Mindset of a Rising Superpower

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As China ascends to global prominence, understanding its strategic mindset has become paramount. "China's Grand Strategy: From Mao Zedong to Xi Jinping" is an in-depth analysis of the evolution of China's foreign policy and grand strategy over the past century. This book offers a comprehensive examination of China's historical, ideological, and geopolitical perspectives, providing invaluable insights into the shaping of its strategic behavior.

Chapter 1: Mao Zedong's Revolutionary Legacy

The book begins by exploring the foundational principles of China's grand strategy, established under Mao Zedong's leadership. Mao's ideology emphasized self-reliance, anti-imperialism, and the pursuit of a "socialist path with Chinese characteristics." This chapter examines how Mao's strategic thinking shaped China's foreign policy during the Cold War era.

Chapter 2: Deng Xiaoping's Reform and Opening-up

Following Mao's death, Deng Xiaoping embarked on a transformative era of economic reforms and diplomatic engagement. The book analyzes Deng's "Four Modernizations" program, which focused on technological advancement and economic growth. It also explores the strategic consequences of China's entry into the global market and its improved relations with the West.



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Chapter 3: Jiang Zemin's "Peaceful Development"

Jiang Zemin succeeded Deng and continued his predecessor's policies of economic growth and diplomatic outreach. This chapter examines Jiang's concept of "peaceful development," which emphasized non-confrontational engagement with the international community. It discusses China's efforts to forge partnerships, promote regional stability, and avoid conflict.

Chapter 4: Hu Jintao's "Harmonious Society"

Hu Jintao's presidency focused on promoting domestic stability and social harmony. This chapter analyzes Hu's "harmonious society" concept, which aimed to reduce inequality, improve environmental protection, and foster a more cohesive Chinese society. The book explores how Hu's strategy balanced internal reforms with China's growing international presence.

Chapter 5: Xi Jinping's "China Dream"

Xi Jinping has emerged as the most influential Chinese leader since Mao Zedong. This chapter examines Xi's ambitious "China Dream" vision, which

seeks to restore China to its former glory and make it a leading global power. The book analyzes Xi's strategic initiatives, including the Belt and Road Initiative, the expansion of the Chinese military, and the pursuit of technological dominance.

Chapter 6: The Future of China's Grand Strategy

The final chapter speculates on the future trajectory of China's grand strategy. The book explores potential challenges and opportunities facing China, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the US-China rivalry, and global geopolitical shifts. It offers insights into how China's leadership may adapt its strategy to navigate these uncertainties.

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"China's Grand Strategy: From Mao Zedong to Xi Jinping" is an essential read for anyone seeking to understand the strategic mindset of China. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the historical, ideological, and geopolitical factors shaping China's foreign policy. By unraveling the thinking behind China's grand strategy, this book offers valuable insights into the motivations and objectives of a rising global power.



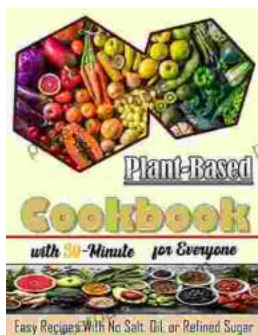
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