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Economic Interdependence and Rising Power Grand Strategies

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Room 710, Building 19, Waseda University

Compared to historical rising powers, China does not use force as often, prefers to utilize coercion instead of force, does not form formal alliances, and tends to resort to nonmilitarized tools, including economic statecraft. China exhibits a curious pattern of using nonmilitarized means to achieve its grand strategic ends. What explains China's divergent path compared to historical rising powers such as the early American Republic and Germany under Bismarck? Do current global production and supply chains provide different incentives to contemporary rising powers' use of military, economic, and diplomatic statecraft? This book connects international security and international political economy while moving beyond the "commercial peace" argument to examine all facets of rising powers' use of statecraft. Leveraging rich empirical evidence, including primary Chinese documents and interviews with Chinese and foreign officials, the book argues that different kinds of economic interdependence – historical and present – influence rising powers' use of grand strategic means.

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