

“Rivals for World Hegemony: Relations between the United States and China”

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As Xi Jinping’s China aims to supplant the United States as the world’s top power by 2050 and as the United States of Joe Biden vows to lead again on the world stage, their geopolitical rivalry — brought into sharp focus by the COVID-19 crisis — will dominate all domains of international relations in the next decades and, indeed, it may shape a new world order.

We will explore how that rivalry manifests itself in all forms of hard and soft power (military, diplomacy, ideology, the economy, technology, science, ecology and culture), in all corners of the planet, and even in outer space. We will examine how the United States is handling this threat to its decades-long status as the hegemonic power. We will also consider the challenges and opportunities that rivalry poses to other nation states, regional blocs such as the European Union, international organizations, and corporations.

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