



Cooperation and Disagreement in Sino-US Relations from 2006-2016 in the Light of Neo-realism and Liberal International Relations Theories

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Abstract

China and the U.S are great powers having highly complicated relations. This paper analyses Sino-American relations from 2006 to 2016 to explore the cooperation and disagreement in Sino-American relations from 2006 to 2016. The research holds the view that the United States foreign policy is primarily influenced by neo-realism as the US is not ready to accommodate China Rise. Obama's 'Asia-Pivot' policy is manifestation of American reservation of rising China's prowess. On the other hand, China's foreign policy towards the US cannot be explained from the realist assumptions. Therefore the current research suggests that liberalism is the suitable international relations theory that can explain Chinese foreign policy towards the US from 2006 to 2016 as China is not interested in power politics and Chinese strategy towards the US is based on cooperation and harmonization of interests.

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