

Japan's changing roles in the construction of East Asia's regional order

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The past seven decades have witnessed the gradual consolidation of a singular regional order in East Asia. The construction of this order is the result of a complex interplay between different actors, and between them and several structures. In spite of its adherence to a low-profile foreign policy and the resistance of many of its neighbours, Japan has gradually embraced a more proactive role in this multilayered, complex process, and it has even acted as one of the main promoters of change in the last two decades. The aim of this talk is threefold: first, to describe the main components and phases of East Asia's regional order; second, to analyze the position of Japan vis-à-vis these components in each phase, as well as its more relevant contributions to the consolidation of the regional order; finally, to reflect on Japan's current role in the adaptation of the regional order in light of the new regional and international scenarios, and the growing role of China.

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