

Dimensions of Sino-Centric Multilateralism in the Global South. A Book-based Roundtable

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China's rise as a global power has often been assumed to unfold within the international order created and maintained by the West. As a result, much attention has been focused on its challenge to and perceptions of the liberal institutional order established after the Second World War. However, far less attention has been paid to Sino-centric multilateralism —the emergence of multilateral formats initiated by China and operating largely outside the reach of the liberal order.

The Dragon's Emerging Order (2026) is the first volume to offer a comprehensive, global stocktake of China's efforts to enhance its centrality in international relations. It provides insights into the struggle for global influence, highlighting the interplay of hard and soft power. The chapters offer balanced and critical views of China's attempts to establish its own multilateralist presence. There are theoretical and empirical chapters, but all combine theory and empirics. A few of the topics are the Belt and Road Initiative, China-CELAC Forum, FOCAC, China and the BRICS, China and ASEAN, China and the G20, and the agency of regional states.

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