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disputes. Experts from
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democracy, patriotism,
resources, power, and the
nature of Asia's future
identity. With the
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difficult to maintain a balanced and humanistic approach on the global stage. Navigating Uncertainty in the South China Sea Disputes will answer two key questions:

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to the South China Sea,
detailing rules that all
parties should follow. By
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China Sea (SCS) and the significance of China's actions in asserting its claim from the perspective of defensive realist theory. In its analysis, the book argues that

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security dilemmas in the SCS first arose between China and other SCS claimants, and then between China and the United States. Research in this book provides

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significant support to the defensive realist theory vis-à-vis offensive realism. It encourages adopting a reassurance policy to reach a peaceful resolution to the SCS

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disputes between China,
the other claimants, and
the United States. The
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legal-analytical methods,
to emphasize the nuances
of the role and
interpretation of
international law and
treaties by China in
different periods, while

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taking into account policy and strategic concerns, which generally cast great sways in decision-making. The re-introduction of interdisciplinary concerns straddling law and history

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illustrates that the historical dimension, which has long been neglected, is an emerging concern that poses looming dangers that may unexpectedly radicalize

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the friction. Contributing to debunking the mystique wrought by confrontations between a historical and a law-dominated perspective, these perspectives are supported by a more

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nuanced analytical
framework, featuring
theoretical concerns with
a tinge of practicality.
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the legal status of the
contested islands and
rocks and provide detailed
analyses of the contested
concepts and provisions,
the 2016 ruling by the SCS
arbitration tribunal, as

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well as the environmental,
economic, political
impacts of the ruling.
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more meaningful and
productive dialogue over
the intersection,

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interaction and
interdependence between
power and law in the
context of the SCS.
Assessing the interactions
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and normative forces, it

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provides insights into the specific dynamics of the dispute and the shifting security landscape in the region, but also offers a basis for thinking more deeply about the broader

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Politik und Diplomatie vor
immense Herausforderungen.
Gleichzeitig nehmen die
Spannungen zwischen den USA
und der Volksrepublik
unaufhörlich zu. Beide Staaten
steuern unmittelbar auf einen

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Konflikt zu, den keine Seite
intendiert und dessen
allumfassende Konsequenzen
noch kaum absehbar sind. Ein
besonderer Schauplatz dieser
wachsenden
Auseinandersetzung ist die

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Region Südostasien, in der sowohl die USA, im Verbund mit einigen Anrainerstaaten, als auch die Volksrepublik China miteinander in einem harten Wettbewerb um die regionale Vorherrschaft stehen. Dieses

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Buch zeigt anhand der territorialen und maritimen Konflikte in der Südchinesischen See auf, dass Chinas zunehmend proaktive und rücksichtslosere Position gegenüber diesen Konflikten und den

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Konfliktparteien auch eine Folge
der zunehmenden
Wahrnehmung von
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einhergehenden Wunsch Chinas,
dies entsprechend zu
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eine strategische Entscheidung
oder gar unvermeidliche
Entwicklung darstellt. Auf diesen
Ergebnissen aufbauend wird die
Möglichkeit eines nachhaltigen
Konfliktmanagements diskutiert
und entsprechend eine Reihe

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formuliert.

This book offers an assessment
of China ' s assertive foreign
policy behavior with a special
focus on Chinese policies in the

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South China Sea (SCS). By providing a detailed account of the events in the SCS and by analyzing power dynamics in the region, it identifies the driving forces behind China ' s assertive foreign policy. Considering

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China ' s power on a domestic as well as an international level, it examines a number of different sources of hard and soft power, including military, economics, geopolitics, and domestic legitimacy. The author

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demonstrates that Chinese assertiveness in the SCS can be explained not only by increases in China ' s power, but also by effective reactions to other actors ' foreign policy changes. The book will appeal to scholars

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in international relations,
especially those interested in a
better understanding of South
China Sea developments,
China ' s political power and
foreign policy, and East Asian
international affairs.

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The South China Sea is a major strategic waterway for trade and oil shipments to Japan, Korea as well as southern China. It has been the focus of a maritime dispute which has continued now for over six decades, with

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competing claims from China, Vietnam, the Philippines, Indonesia and Brunei. Recently China has become more assertive in pressing its claims – harassing Vietnamese fishing vessels and seizing reefs in the

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Philippine claim zone. China has insisted that it has "indisputable sovereignty" over the area and has threatened to enforce its claim. All of this is unsettling and draws in the United States which is concerned about

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freedom of navigation in the area. The US has been supporting the Philippines and has been developing security ties with Vietnam as a check upon China. This book examines the conflict potential of the

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current dispute, it discusses how the main claimants and the United States view the issue, and assesses the prospects for a resolution of the problem. The impact of continuous coastal development, reclamation,

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destruction of corals, overfishing and increased maritime traffic places all of us on the front lines of preserving our oceans. Marine biologists, who share a common language that cuts across political, economic and social

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differences, recognize that the sea ' s remarkable coral reefs, which provide food, jobs and protection against storms and floods, have suffered unprecedented rates of destruction in recent decades.

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Age of China's Rise

Cooperative Development in the
South China Sea

The South China Sea has long
been regarded as one of the
most complex and challenging
ocean-related maritime disputes

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in East Asia. Recently it has become the locus of disputes that have the potential of escalating into serious international conflicts. Historical mistrust, enduring territorial disputes, and competing

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maritime claims have combined to weaken an at least partially successful regional security structure. Issues of concern include territorial sovereignty; disputed claims to islands, rocks, and reefs; jurisdiction

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over territorial waters,
exclusive economic zones, and
the seabed; regional and
international rights to use the
seas for military purposes;
maritime security; rapid
economic development; and

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environmental degradation. The fear is that increasing competition for energy and other resources will exacerbate conflicts and further fuel nationalism and sovereignty issues in the region. The SCS

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has an integrated ecosystem and is one of the richest seas in the world in terms of marine flora and fauna: coral reefs, mangroves, sea-grass beds, fish, and plants. National economic security can be easily

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affected by conflicts occurring in major international trade routes like the SCS, or how such an unclear situation might even give rise to environmental challenges in the future. The book creates an understanding

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as to why this region is important not only to the claimants but to global powers like the United States and India. The book examines current and potential conflicts in the South China Sea, and also evaluates

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how conflicts have been
“ managed ” to date and suggests
as to how they might be better
managed in the future. This
book concludes with
recommendations for improving
the situation in the region by

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ensuring a strong economic relationships, using high-resolution observation satellites, and undertaking joint development, and resource exploration etc.

This book discusses the South

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China Sea dispute from a Chinese perspective with regards to history, law, international politics, the economy, diplomacy and military affairs. Not only does it detail China ' s official position

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on the sovereignty and maritime disputes in the South China Sea, but also provides analyses of the related factors influencing the origin and development of these disputes. It further assesses the complexity,

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internationalisation and long-term struggle over the South China Sea and China ' s efforts in dispute resolution. Solving Disputes for Regional Cooperation and Development aims to help readers better

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understand a Chinese perspective on the complexity of the South China Sea disputes, including competition over the sovereignty of the islets, islands regime and its impact on maritime delimitation,

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overlapping maritime claims, and how the adjacent states can cooperate for resource development in the South China Sea. This title is highly pertinent in the context of the growing attention paid to

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potential international conflicts in the South China Sea, and covers a wide range of topics including history, law, international politics, economy, diplomacy and military affairs. Highly pertinent in the context

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very few books written by a
Chinese scholar in English in
this area

This volume brings together
international experts to provide
fresh perspectives on
geopolitical concerns in the

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South China Sea. The book considers the interests and security strategies of each of the nations with a claim to ownership and jurisdiction in the Sea. Examining contexts including the region ' s natural

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resources and China ' s
behaviour, the book also
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approaches of other states in
Asia and further afield. This is
an accessible, even-handed and
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current and future rivalries and challenges in one of the most strategically important and militarized maritime regions of the world.

Over the last few decades there has been growing recognition of

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the importance of a peaceful and stable South China Sea for Indo-Pacific security and development, a recognition that has been underlain, paradoxically, by the increasingly precarious situation

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in this body of water that straddles critical shipping lanes from the Indian to the Pacific Ocean. This book informs its readership of the most recent developments in the South China Sea with insightful and

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prescient analyses from both legal and international relations perspectives. It delves into the policy perspectives and deliberations of the various relevant regional and extra-regional actors in the South

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China Sea dispute, the exercise of international law in the context of the changing regional political landscape, and the promise and pitfalls of past, current, and potential initiatives to manage and settle the

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dispute. Written by some of the most well-known scholars and knowledgeable insiders in the fields South China Sea studies, the collection offers a wide array of diverse views that should help enrich the ongoing

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Beyond Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea

Since 1949 and the founding of the People's Republic, China has been involved in more than one territorial dispute with its neighbours. Currently the most unstable and dangerous dispute is the one over the Paracel

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and Spratly islands in the South China Sea. With their potentially rich and accessible petroleum resources, these islands have become the new arena of conflict for the 1970s and 1980s, China having already fought a war with South Vietnam over the Paracel Islands. This book, based on a wealth

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of primary materials in the Chinese language, is the first to make a thorough and overall investigation of China's policy towards these islands. It deals with the battle for the Paracels, the dispute with Vietnam, the disputes with the Philippines and Malaysia, and the relationship between the territorial

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disputes and China's maritime claims in the South China Sea.

Traditionally, the South China Sea (SCS) issue was not on the negotiation table between the United States and China. However, the tensions between the United States and China over the SCS have

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gradually simmered up to a strategic level. Why and how did the SCS become a flashpoint between the United States and China? Will the United States and China really go to war over the SCS? Why did China adopt an "assertive" policy towards the South China Sea in the 2000s? What

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will regional actors do in the face of this "new normal" of competition between China and the United States? Will multilateral institutions in the Asia Pacific alleviate the potential conflicts over the SCS disputes? How will US-Chinese competition in the SCS shape the dynamics of Asian security? This

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edited book addresses these questions systematically and theoretically, with contributions from leading scholars in the field of US-China relations and Asian security from the United States, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Singapore. It elevates the analysis of the SCS

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disputes from maritime and legal issues to the strategic level between the United States and China.

The South China Sea disputes continue to confuse and confound policymakers. All the countries bordering directly on this sea - China, Vietnam, Taiwan, the Philippines,

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Malaysia, and Brunei - have claimed some or all of the tiny, but strategically located, Spratly Islets and some or all of the maritime space and its resources. All of these claims have serious weaknesses under the principles of international law that govern these issues. This book offers

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several possible regional interim solutions to the South China Sea disputes. All of the national claims to both islands and ocean space in the region have weaknesses. An interim solution is urgently needed because the status quo is dangerous and unstable, because of unilateral actions

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by the claimants and continuing opportunities for involvement by outside powers. Division or allocation of the features and ocean space among the competing claimants seem unfeasible because of their sharp disagreements over the boundaries of the area in dispute as well as what

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would constitute an appropriate equitable division. The authors survey the principles that appear to guide the nations of the South China Sea region in their regional relations, and they identify the appropriate objectives of a regional resource authority. They also identify the political realities of the

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region, which serve as constraints on the design of a regime. The authors propose the creation of a regional multilateral resource management body as a solution to reduce the tension currently rife in the region. The options presented serve as illustrations designed to stimulate

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constructive discussion on a comprehensive multilateral interim solution to these difficult and dangerous disputes. Sharing the Resources of the South China Sea will be of interest to international decision-makers, negotiators, and academics desirous of a peaceful solution to

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these disputes.

Maritime boundary disputes in the South China have existed for centuries, and researchers from a variety of countries have analysed the situation from a great many points of view. Yet, and despite its status as one of the major countries in the

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region, Chinese perspectives have often been absent from the international literature. This book redresses that balance. Bringing together scholarship from history and international law, this book provides a lens through which maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea can

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be interrogated. Not only does it detail the historical and jurisprudential evidence that support maritime boundaries in the South China Sea for different stakeholders, but it also clarifies some misconceptions related to China's nine-dash lines by referring to the United Nations Convention on

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the Law of the Sea. Moreover, the book offers in-depth discussion and observation on the most recent developments in the South China Sea. This book is an essential resource for researchers, teachers and students who specialize in Southeast Asian Studies, China maritime studies, and

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the international law of the sea.

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***Tensions are on the rise in the South
China Sea. Longstanding sovereignty***

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disputes over the profusion of atolls, shoals, and reefs that dot the 1.2 million square miles of sea, allied to extensive overlapping claims to maritime space, have been a source of serious interstate contention over the years, especially during the 1990s.

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Tensions eased briefly in the first half of this decade, due in part to China's more accommodating and flexible attitude, which was part of a diplomatic "charm offensive" toward Southeast Asia intended to assuage regional anxieties over the country's

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growing economic, political, and military clout. Over the past several years, however, China has reverted to a more assertive posture in consolidating its jurisdictional claims, expanding its military reach, and seeking to undermine the claims of

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*other states through coercive
diplomacy. The South China Sea
Dispute critically assesses the
contentious sovereignty disputes and
provides insights into the sources of
growing tension in the region.
The Routledge Handbook of the South*

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China Sea presents a comprehensive and in-depth analysis of South China Sea issues. It evaluates the dynamics of the latest developments and identifies factors that contribute to dispute settlement and a cooperative management regime of one of the

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most important seas in the world – one which not only contains rich marine resources and distinctive biodiversity but is also a critical sea route for global trade and communications. The Handbook is divided into six parts, each representing a focused area of

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world-renowned experts and scholars, with specialisms from geography to international law, the volume's 25 chapters contribute interdisciplinary perspectives, reflecting the impact of how South China Sea policies are shaped by national governments and

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international organizations. As such, the Handbook provides an authoritative reference to South China Sea Studies, useful for students and scholars of international relations, history, maritime and Asian studies. Chinas rise casts a vast and uncertain

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shadow over the regional balance of power in the Asia Pacific, and nowhere is this clearer than in the South China Sea. The significance of the fraught territorial disputes in this potentially resource-rich sea extends far beyond the small groupings of

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islands that are at their heart, and into the world of great-power politics. As the struggle for hegemony between the US and China intersects with the overlapping aspirations of emerging, smaller nations, the risk of escalation to regional conflict is real. Christian

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Le Mi and Sarah Raine cut through the complexities of these disputes with a clear-sighted, and much-needed, analysis of the assorted strategies deployed in support of the multiple and competing claims in the SCS. They make a compelling case that the course

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of these disputes will determine whether the regional order in Southeast Asia is one of cooperation, or one of competition and even conflict.

The South China Sea region contains potentially huge deposits of petroleum

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and natural gas, important shipping lanes and fishing areas, and is subject to a number of maritime territorial disputes. This edited volume analyzes the most recent development in the South China Sea dispute looking at the positions taken by China, the ASEAN

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countries, and the US. In recent years maritime joint development zones have emerged as an important means to overcome deadlock in relation to maritime jurisdictional claims. This book tests the applicability of joint development regime in this region and

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explores the prospect of joint development of resources as a way to successfully manage the conflict in the South China Sea. Eminent scholars in the field of South China Sea studies have contributed original chapters to the volume covering such issues as: the

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*legal framework for joint
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Vietnam and the South China Sea

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Europe to Asia. With oil reserves of several billion barrels, an estimated nine hundred trillion cubic feet of natural gas, and several centuries' worth of competing territorial claims, the South China Sea in particular is a simmering pot of

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potential conflict. The underreported military buildup in the area where the Western Pacific meets the Indian Ocean means that it will likely be a hinge point for global war and peace for the foreseeable future. In Asia's

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the world's most perceptive foreign policy experts, Kaplan interprets America's interests in Asia in the context of an increasingly assertive China. He explains how the region's unique geography fosters the growth of navies but also

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impedes aggression. And he draws a striking parallel between China's quest for hegemony in the South China Sea and the United States' imperial adventure in the Caribbean more than a century ago. To understand the future of conflict in

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East Asia, Kaplan argues, one must understand the goals and motivations of its leaders and its people. Part travelogue, part geopolitical primer, *Asia's Cauldron* takes us on a journey through the region's boom cities

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and ramshackle slums: from Vietnam, where the superfueled capitalism of the erstwhile colonial capital, Saigon, inspires the geostrategic pretensions of the official seat of government in Hanoi, to Malaysia, where a unique mix of

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authoritarian Islam and Western-style consumerism creates quite possibly the ultimate postmodern society; and from Singapore, whose “benevolent autocracy” helped foster an economic miracle, to the Philippines, where a different brand

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of authoritarianism under Ferdinand Marcos led not to economic growth but to decades of corruption and crime. At a time when every day's news seems to contain some new story—large or small—that directly relates to conflicts over the South

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in the region, examines the high stakes involved for rival nations that include Vietnam, India, Taiwan, the Philippines, and China, as well as the United States, Russia, and others. Hayton also lays out the daunting obstacles that stand in the

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Sea maritime dispute. It examines the South China Sea as an arena for geostrategic competition between China and the United States and why the dispute is so important for regional and global geopolitics. It outlines the most

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***Pinxian Wang and Qianyu Li
The South China Sea (SCS)
(Fig. 1. 1) offers a special***

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attraction for Earth scientists world-wide because of its location and its well-preserved hemipelagic sediments. As the largest one of the marginal seas separating Asia from the Pacific, the largest continent from the largest ocean, the

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SCS functions as a focal point in land-sea interactions of the Earth system. Climatically, the SCS is located between the Western Pacific Warm Pool, the centre of global heating at the sea level, and the Tibetan Plateau, the

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***centre of heating at an
altitude of 5,000m.***

***Geomorphologically, the SCS
lies to the east of the highest
peak on earth, Zhumulangma
or Everest in the Himalayas
(8,848m elevation) and to the
west of the deepest trench in***

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the ocean, Philippine Trench (10,497m water depth) (Wang P. 2004). Biogeographically, the SCS belongs to the so-called "East Indies Triangle" where modern marine and terrestrial biodiversity reaches a global maximum

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(Briggs 1999). Among the major marginal sea basins from the west Pacific, the SCS presents some of the best conditions for accumulating complete paleoclimatic records in its hemipelagic deposits. These records are

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***favorable for high-resolution
pa- oceanographic studies
because of high sedimentation
rates and good carbonate
preservation. It may not be
merely a coincidence that two
cores from the southern 14
SCS were among the ?rst***

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***several cores in the world
ocean used by AMS C dating
for high-resolution
stratigraphy (Andree et al.
1986; Broecker et al. 1988).
Major law and policy issues in
the South China Sea are
discussed mainly from the***

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***perspectives of leading
American and European
scholars in the study of the
complex South China Sea
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regional maritime cooperation
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Southeast Asian countries'***

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responses to the Chinese assertiveness, China's historic claims, maritime boundary delimitation and excessive maritime claims, military activities and the law of the sea, freedom of navigation and its impact on the

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problem, the dispute between Vietnam and China, confidence-building measures and U.S.-Taiwan-China relations in the South China Sea, and Taiwan's role in the resolution to the South China Sea issues. Over the past

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three years, there have been several incidents in the South China Sea between the claimants, and also between the claimants and non-claimants over fisheries, collection of seismic data, exploration for oil and gas

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resources, and exercise of freedom of navigation. Third party concerns and involvement in the South China Sea disputes have been increasing as manifested in actions taken by the United States, India, and Japan. It is

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***therefore important to
examine South China Sea
disputes from the legal and
political perspective and from
the view point of American
and European experts who
have been studying South
China Sea issues for many***

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structural conditioning processes in social interactions, processes which shape the conditions for the emergence of crisis points along a spectrum of conflict and cooperation. The potential for conflict resolution and the emergence of new regions in Pacific Asia much depends on the nature of such interactions at many

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levels (political-economic, semiotic and cultural) based on perceptions of what constitutes the "common" versus a Sinicised version of "Lebensraum".

The tensions in the South China Sea pose considerable challenges to the rules-based liberal international maritime order. The situation demonstrates the interplay

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between maritime nationalism and geostrategic rivalry; fuelling militarisation and endangering freedom of navigation, over-flight and exploitation of natural resources. China's dedicated "terraclaims", land reclamation and island-building spree – enhanced with military surveillance, communications and

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logistics infrastructure-building in the form of port facilities, military installations and airstrips – have escalated these tensions. China declares that these territories are an integral part of its "core interests", taking an uncompromising stance on the question of sovereignty and its determination to protect the domain

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militarily. India, although not a South China Sea littoral state, sees both the general principle of the rules-based order and the specific issue of navigation between the Indian and Pacific Oceans as core to its own national interest.

Chakraborti and Chakraborty assess the rationale and implications of India's

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strategies and responses vis-à-vis the South China Sea dispute, and their impact on its overall "Act East" initiative in Southeast Asia policy. They also analyse the implications of India's stance on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), five member-states of which (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the

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Philippines and Vietnam) are involved in territorial disputes with China in the South China Sea. The analysis focuses on the administrative tenures of both the United Progressive Alliance from 2004 until 2014 and the National Democratic Alliance from 2014 onwards.

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maritime frontier. Samuels' analysis: *
Highlights the impact of the shifting
balance of power in Asia and the growing
competition for oceanic resources *
Examines the implications of the dispute in
terms of the historical and modern role of
china as a maritime power in Asia.
On 22 January 2013, the Republic of the

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Philippines instituted arbitral proceedings against the People's Republic of China (PRC) under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) with regard to disputes between the two countries in the South China Sea. The South China Sea Arbitration is a landmark case in

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international law because of the parties involved, the legal questions to be decided and the absence of one of the parties. As revealed in its official statements, the PRC will neither accept nor participate in this arbitration nor present written and oral arguments in the tribunal room. Such default of appearance makes applicable

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certain procedural rules. According to Article 9 of Annex VII, the Tribunal, before making its Award, is obligated to satisfy itself not only that it has jurisdiction over the dispute, but also that the claims brought by the Philippines are well-founded in fact and law. Therefore, it is necessary for the Tribunal to look into

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all the claims brought forward by the Philippines and all the disputes constituted by the claims in the procedural phase. The possible arguments the PRC could make should be explored during this process. This book brings together chapters selected from well-established scholars in Asia, Europe and North

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America addressing the issues arising from the South China Sea Arbitration. It contains five easy to read parts: origin and development of the South China Sea dispute; the jurisdiction and admissibility of the case; international adjudication and dispute settlement; legal issues arising from the case such as the legal status of

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favor of the Philippines and against Chinas historic rights to the South China Sea. This collection of academic essays examines many interpretations of international law on the legal status of the contested islands and rocks. Whats clear to

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all is that the failure to uphold international law and norms harms all claimants interests in the contested sea.

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states and political actors.

The conflict in the South China Sea, especially the sovereignty over Paracel and Spratly Islands, is of international interest and significance. Territorial claims from various countries impact on

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maritime freedom and result in the exploitation of natural resources in either international waters or other claimant countries' exclusive economic zones. This book analyses Vietnam's claim of sovereignty over Paracel and

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Spratly Islands. Based on a book originally published in Vietnamese, the author offers a historical analysis to examine the sovereignty of the islands from multiple perspectives. Written in English on the topic and based on rigorous

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analysis of historical, legal and technical evidence, the book makes the case for Vietnam's sovereignty over Paracel and Spratly Islands. It also provides an investigation of how Vietnam has affirmed its claim of sovereignty over the islands and

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a discussion of how Vietnam's claim has been received by the international community, particularly by China. The book touches on a very sensitive, topical issue of international importance with wide-ranging and serious

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consequences. It will be of interest to academics in the fields of Asian security studies and Southeast Asian history and politics.

Boundary disputes in the South China Sea have been a long-standing threat to peace and

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wish to maintain good relations with China on a range of issues, and outlines how Vietnam has occasionally made overtures to both the United States and Japan in

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