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The U.S.-China Competition and Japan's Dilemma

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this presentation is to systematically analyze the ongoing US-China competition and Japan's dilemma. It focuses on the dynamics of the relationship (such as competition, cooperation, and conflict) between the three powers, examining each country's strategic considerations. This lecture first looks at theoretical framework of international relations, depicting power transition scenarios between the rising power (China) and the dominant power (the United States), and then discusses the complicated relations among the three powers, focusing on the choice and dilemma that Japan faces, so that we can get a comprehensive understanding of the US-China competition and the role of Japan.

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